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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1915.

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OXFORD COUNTY BOYS' CONFERENCE

A Grand Success and Many Good Results Promised

These Conferences have been growing in interest and influence, and the boys said of the meeting just held at Bethel that it was the best yet. Surely Bethel did her best to secure that end. The visitors were made welcome everywhere and nothing left undone which would add to their comfort or pleasure. The delegates from other towns were faithful in their attendance on the meetings and appreciative of all that was done in their behalf. The speaking was of the best. The county and local committees had arranged every part of the program to the last detail so that there was not a slip anywhere, no chance for a discordant note in the atmosphere of inspiration and mutual helpfulness and good fellowship.

Most of the visitors arrived on the afternoon train of Friday. They met at the Methodist Church to receive their necessary tickets and assignments to homes for entertainment. Guides were ready to take them to the places assigned, and in a little while, all were gathered again at the church for a brief social hour. Howard Taylor of Bethel led in singing some of the convention hymns assisted by Rev. J. M. Arters of Rumford at the organ. Then the delegations rehearsed their yells, the marshal of the parade, Ellery C. Park, Esq., of Bethel, assigned the places in the line of march and to the music of the drum the procession started. The line of march was up Main street to Broad, around the Park and back to the Old Fellows' Hall where the banquet was served.

When the cheering was over, Mr. J. S. Hutchins of the local committee called the meeting to order, and asked Rev. T. C. Chapman to offer prayer. Then the well filled tables called for action no less enthusiastic than the cheering. The chicken pie was voted perfect in quality and abundant in quantity and all the items of the menu were in keeping, while the skillful service of the Bethel young women who waited on the tables, and the rich minstrelsy of music by Herriek's Orchestra must not be overlooked in recounting the pleasures of the hour.

When appetites were satisfied, Mr. Hutchins introduced Prof. F. E. Hannum as Toastmaster, and he in turn called on Harris Hamlin to speak a word of welcome in behalf of the local boys. Rev. J. H. Little and Rev. W. C. Curtis spoke for the churches and E. C. Park, Esq., for the business men. In response the President of the last Conference, Mr. Cecil Sweet of Andover spoke for the visiting boys, and Dr. L. H. Trufant of Norway for the visiting leaders. Every speaker as he rose was greeted with a special cheer by the Bethel delegation of boys led by James Hayford of Gould's Academy, until the Norway and Paris boys claimed the privilege of shouting for their own representative, Dr. Trufant. And every speaker as he sat down received a round of well deserved applause.

The main address of the evening was by Rev. G. W. Hinkley of Good Will fame. As he took the convention motto, "Preparedness" as his theme and pictured the boy getting ready for the privileges of future home life and citizenship and usefulness, this strong man and lover of boys gripped his hearers and swept them on with him to love, clean, true manhood and to hate and avoid the things which mar and hurt its attainment. The meeting closed quietly, sending groups of very thoughtful boys to their places of entertainment.

Saturday morning at the Universalist Church after a brief song service with Mr. Kinsey of Bowdoin at the piano, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Little, led the opening devotional exercises. Cecil C. Sweet took the chair for the business session. Committees were appointed on Nominations, on Credentials and on Resolutions. Later the committee on Nominations reported the following officers who were elected and immediately began their duties:

President—Harris G. Hamlin, Bethel.
Vice President—Lester Wood, Paris.
Price Morris, Oxford; Hugh Pendexter, Norway; N. Linnell, Rumford.
Secretary—Newell Powers, South Paris.
Asst. Secretary—Roger Sloan, Bethel.
The matter of a county banner for

JUVENILE EXHIBITION AND BALL

To Be Given December 14th

The leading event of the coming week will be the Juvenile Exhibition and Ball, by the dancing classes taught by Miss Eleanor McGregor of Portland, which takes place at Odeon Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th.

An enjoyable entertainment will be given from eight until nine o'clock, preceding the ball, when relatives and friends of many of our Bethel children will have an opportunity of seeing them in a variety of pleasing specialties, Scotch, Irish, Dutch, Japanese. Among the youngest children who have been attending the dancing school are little Dorothy Hanscom, who will present a solo dance, and Kathryn Ramsell a cute little Dutch song and dance. Harold Taylor and Alberta Stearns will be seen in a Scotch specialty and Clarence Philbrook will also give a pirouette dance, and there are to be a number of other pretty specialties by some of the local children, all of a character most pleasing to an audience. Master Leo Lyons, boy soprano, impersonator and dancer of Portland, who appeared for one of our local church entertainments in mid-summer, and was so much enjoyed, will be a special attraction for this juvenile exhibition and no one should miss the opportunity of hearing him sing.

The Tom Thumb Wedding will be a pretty feature of the entertainment, in which twenty-five or more children will participate. Surely there will be variety enough in the fine program that has been arranged for this affair to suit all tastes, and judging from the demand that has already been made for tickets, at this advanced date, there is every indication there will be a full house. Following the entertainment general dancing will follow for the public for which good orchestra music has been secured.

The program is as follows:

THE TOM THUMB WEDDING.

Bride—Margaret Hanscom
Tom Thumb—Harold Taylor
Maid of Honor—Erna Pierce
Best Man—Donald Young
Bridesmaids: Dorothy Stearns, Grace Van Den Kerckhoven, Thelma Hutchins, Kathryn Ramsell.
Ushers: Clarence Philbrook, Laurie Tyler, Rodney Bartlett, Gardner Herriek.

Flower girls, Dorothy Hanscom, Marie Chapman.
Ring Bearer, Guy Thurston
Minister, Robert Hanscom
Ribbon Girls, Elizabeth Mason, Florence Young, Dorothy Clough, Ruth Emery, Alberta Stearns, Electa Chapman.
Japanese Specialty: Miss Adelaide Ramsell soloist, and the Misses Vivian Jackson, Marie Allen, Esther Tyler, Kathryn Hanscom, Vivian Wight, Marjorie Farwell, Edith Somerville, Pauline King.

Military Song, Master Leo Lyons
Violin Solo, Miss Vivian Wight
Dutch Specialty, Kathryn Ramsell
(a) Song, Selected,
(b) Waltz Clog.

Fancy Dance, Master Leo Lyons
Scotch Song, Dorothy Hanscom
Highland Fling, Harold Taylor, Alberta Stearns.
Reading, Master Leo Lyons
Pirouette Dance, Clarence Philbrook
(a) Irish Song, Selected,
(b) Irish Dance.

Master Leo Lyons, assisted by the Misses Erna Pierce, Thelma Hutchins, Dorothy Hanscom, Grace Van Den Kerckhoven, Alberta Stearns, Kathryn Ramsell, Dorothy Stearns, Elizabeth Mason, Florence Young, Marie Chapman, Dick Hastings, Elizabeth Emery, Electa Chapman.
Character Song, Harold Taylor
Dutch Specialty, Master Leo Lyons

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep felt thanks to all those who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement and for the many expressions of sympathy.

Charles E. Wheeler,
Mrs. Fred Beckford,
Mrs. Jack Moore,
Mrs. R. McGraw,
Mrs. Clifford Merrill.

CORPORATION TAXES.

All corporation taxes must be paid before December 11, 1915, to save cost of advertising.

FRED B. HALL, Collector.

Books in large variety at L. M. STEARN'S.

MANN'S MILL AT MILTON PLA. BURNED

The clothespin mill owned by L. M. Mann & Son at Milton Plantation was totally destroyed by fire about six o'clock last Sunday afternoon. A small house near the mill, owned by the firm was also burned. At the lowest estimate the loss is six thousand dollars and there is no insurance.

The mill was not in operation at the time owing to lack of lumber, but the fire is thought to have caught from a fire built in the machine room to mend some logging chains. Abner Mann, the foreman at the mill, poured water on the fire and considered it safe, and it was not until the flames burst through the building that it was discovered.

More than twenty people are thrown out of employment besides the teamsters who were planning to haul logs into the mill this winter, and it is not expected that the mill will be rebuilt. Mr. Mann owns many hundred acres of timberland in the vicinity convenient to log to this branch mill of their West Paris industry and had a large amount of timber that he was planning to haul to the Milton mill.

Although the clothespin and mill-handle industry of the firm is a successful business, yet the firm have suffered many calamities. This mill is the third one that has been totally destroyed by fire at Milton Plantation, also one mill at Bryant's Pond, and one destroyed by fire at West Paris and one blown up by a boiler explosion, making six in all that have been lost. In every case neither of the firm have been in the least to blame for the accident.

BETHEL LODGE, NO. 97, F. & A. M. INSTALL OFFICERS.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., held their annual installation of officers last Thursday evening with Dr. I. H. Wight as installing officer. He was assisted by Mr. G. W. Hall as marshal and Rev. W. C. Curtis as chaplain. The work was done in a very pleasing manner, and the following officers were installed:

W. M.—Fred B. Hall.
S. W.—Ernest P. Blabec.
J. W.—Dellison C. Conroy.
Treas.—Elmer H. Young.
Sec.—Herbert G. Rowe.
S. D.—E. Linwood Brown.
J. D.—Asa L. Smith.
S. B.—Carl E. Neal.
J. S.—Henry Bennett.
Chaplain—Rev. W. C. Curtis.
Marshal—Wallace W. Kilgore.
Minister—Herbert B. Pashard.
Tyler—William C. Garey.

During the installation ceremonies a very pleasing program was interspersed consisting of:
Piano Solo, Miss Mildred Dossierman
Reading, Miss Marion Frost
Solo, Mr. H. B. Pashard
Accompanied by Miss Mona Martyn
Piano Solo, Miss Doris Frost
Refreshments of coffee, cake and fruit were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

The dumping of rubbish on the banks of Alder River has long been a cause for much complaint from those who have the interests of Bethel at heart. The following letter is from one of our summer residents:

My Dear Mr. Merrill:—
The Oxford County Citizen has just come and I have been reading "A Protest" by Archibald M. Howe, and I would very much like to add a word in regard to what has for some time seemed to me like sacrilege—the disgraceful dumping into Alder River and on its banks, all sorts of rubbish which should be carted off to some place where it is out of sight. It is really a disgrace to the village and spoils one of our beautiful views.

Cannot something be done to remove this blot upon the entrance to our beautiful Bethel? Will not the Village Improvement Society take some action in regard to it? Should they do so, I am sure success would follow their efforts, and when we return to Bethel next summer, as we hope to do, our hearts would be made glad by seeing Alder River once more in its natural beauty.

Cordially yours,
Isabel Shirley.

Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Dec. 3, 1915.

NOTICE.

The Bethel Men's Club will meet at the Inn, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, Mr. James W. Hibbs of Boston will give a talk on insurance.

TAXPAYERS.

All taxes due the town of Bethel should be paid by Dec. 11, 1915, to save cost of advertising.

N. F. BROWN, Collector.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Yvonne Brown is boarding at the dormitory now.

The Norway basketball team had dinner at Holden Hall, Saturday.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, the Juniors give a social in the gymnasium.

Mr. James W. Hibbs of Boston spoke to the students, Wednesday afternoon.

Hattie Knight, who was absent a part of last week, has returned to school.

Classes are busy with reviews this week, in preparation for examinations, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

This week Edith Somerville leads the Y. W. C. A. Her subject is, "What Christianity Has Done For the World."

Sophomores and Freshmen are preparing their declamations this week, three or four being given each morning during opening exercises.

The following were guests at Holden Hall during the Conference of John H. Moore of Oxford, Chester Howe, Earl Davis, Roy Parker and Paul Staples of Hanover.

In the basketball game last Saturday afternoon against Norway High School, Gould's showed a fine burst of speed and turned in a win against their old rivals by the score of 18 to 8. The game was played in the Gould's gymnasium and was largely attended by the members of the Boys' Conference which was in session here at that time. The home team played hard, aggressive basketball throughout the game and justly earned the victory. The series between the two teams stands at one game each now and an excellent game is expected when the Norway team appears on Gould's floor once more on March 3, 1916. Next Friday evening the Gould's team will play the strong team representing Stephens High School of Rumford at the Gould's gymnasium and we are confident that this means another treat for the people of Bethel who like the game. The sport will begin at 7:45 P. M. and it is intended that between the halves of the "big game" the Gould's second team shall play another fast team from Rumford. Final arrangements for this game have not been made but we are sure of an evening of fun in the first team game alone.

Between the halves of the Norway-Gould's game last Saturday the second team showed a bit of their form in beating the Rumford Boy Scouts 14-7.

Score:
Young, M., If, Bethel.
Chapman, M., If, Andrews.
Mundy, C., c, Harriman.
Roy Cummings, lb, lb, Hall.
Roy Cummings, lb, lb, Klain.
Goals from the floor: Young, 2; Chapman, 1; Mundy, 2; Roy Cummings, 2; Roy Cummings, 1; Bethel, 1; Harriman, 1; Klain, 1. Goals from fouls: Bethel 2. Referee, Chapman. Umpire, Hosmer. Timers: Hayford and Brown. Scorers: Rand and Seavey.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT AT SOUTH PARIS.

Another Thin Ice Victim.

Tuesday noon Leslie E. Bean the 13 year old son of Edward C. Bean of So. Paris was drowned in the river just above the Iron bridge.

The boys had been skating on what is known as the "Cove" and young Bean ventured out onto the river. His body was seen recovered, but it was not possible to bring him to although medical assistance was at hand.

The funeral will be held at the home on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. I. A. Bean officiating.

OXFORD POMONA.

Oxford Pomona met with South Paris Grange, Tuesday, Dec. 7, with a large

GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE.

Franklin Grange held its regular meeting, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4. During the business session its was voted to send Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guehman as delegates to the State Grange, as it is impossible for the Master and his wife to attend. Dec. 18, being the annual business meeting of the year and an all day meeting, it was voted to have a box dinner. After the meeting, Mrs. Alice Edwards Weeks gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on, "First Aid in Accidents and Sickness." There was a good attendance.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange, No. 285, met at Newry Grange Hall, Saturday evening, Nov. 27, 1915. Worthy Master in chair filled vacant chairs as follows: Overseer, Earl Davis; Chaplain, Han Godwin. Financial committee reported on the standing of the Grange. Worthy Secretary reported in regard to the sign for the Grange Hall. Then came a report from the service committee in regard to the railroads introducing a bill for a higher rate for carrying cream. Voted to oppose it. Voted to send the Worthy Master and wife to State Grange. There were 19 members present and two visitors. The following program was carried out:

Recitation, Mabel Bailey
Reading, Mrs. Holt
Reading, Mrs. Davis
Reading, Mrs. Bailey
Reading, Mrs. Eaton

UPTON GRANGE.

At the regular meeting of Upton Grange held on Dec. 4, the following officers were elected:
Master—Mrs. Daisy B. Warren.
Overseer—Mr. H. W. Whitney.
Lecturer—Rena Lane.
Steward—Ed. Warren.
Asst. Steward—Guy Pratt.
Chaplain—Mrs. Cora Abbott.
Treasurer—S. F. Peaselee.
Secretary—Bertha L. Jenkins.
Gate Keeper—Dennett Bartlett.
Ceres—Lavonna M. Whitney.
Pomona—Jennie L. Jenkins.
Flora—Mrs. Paul West.
L. A.—George Pratt.

A communication from J. L. Cummings, Chairman of the State Grange Service Committee, was read and acted upon. At the close of the meeting a lunch of sandwiches, coffee and cake was served.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Ryerson at 10:30 A. M., Dec. 4th. All of the officers were present excepting the Lady Assistant Steward. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on three candidates in the morning. After a basket dinner the Grange resumed work and the annual reports of the committees were made. The secretary reported the gain in membership during the year as being 11 sisters and 11 brothers. Loss by death, 3 sisters; by withdrawal and demit, 2 sisters. Present membership, 123 sisters and 102 brothers. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Master—A. M. Ryerson.
Overseer—Frank Dudley.
Overseer—A. P. Stearns, Jr.
Steward—M. C. Thayer.
Asst. Steward—Edward Stearns.
Chaplain—John B. Brown.
Treasurer—A. L. Abbott.
Secretary—Chas. Edwards.
Gate Keeper—J. F. Hicks.
Ceres—Clara Ryerson.
Pomona—Annie Wheeler.
Flora—Hattie Barley.
L. A. Steward—Gertrude Kenney.
Chorister—Kate E. J. Hammond.
Librarian—Nellie Mason.

Member of Executive Committee for three years—Austin P. Stearns.
Next meeting, Dec. 18 at 10:30 A. M. Dr. G. M. Twitchell is expected to give a lecture on the "Cost of an Apple."

ROUND MOUNTAIN GRANGE.

Round Mountain Grange, No. 162, met at the grange hall, Hunt's Corner, Dec. 4, and elected the following officers for the year of 1916:
Master—H. G. Stearns.
Overseer—A. A. Bruce.
Steward—Isaac Wardwell.
Asst. Steward—John Hasleton.
Secretary—A. E. Cummings.
Treasurer—W. B. Cummings.
Lecturer—Alta Cummings.
Chaplain—Mrs. A. A. Bruce.
Ceres—Mrs. Lilla G. Stearns.
Pomona—Mrs. Myra Lord.
Flora—Mrs. F. H. Wardwell.
L. A. Steward—Annie Wardwell.
Next meeting, Dec. 18.

OXFORD POMONA.

Oxford Pomona met with South Paris Grange, Tuesday, Dec. 7, with a large

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We make a specialty of cleaning Men's Suits and Lady's White Coats and Suits with the Dry Cleaning Process.

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Your laundry work is solicited. We wash Wednesday and Friday mornings.

DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY.

Ralph H. Young, Prop., Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

Sheep, shoats, sawing machines, organ, set one horse sleds, travlers runner pump and cord wood and pine slabs.

COPELAND,
12-9-31-P. Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE.

Dr. Kirk of Lewiston will be in Bethel, Friday, Dec. 10. Anyone wishing veterinary work done will please notify Mr. L. A. Hall. 12-9-11.

SLEDS FOR SALE.

A set of small traverse sleds for sale. Inquire of
EDMUND MERRILL,
Bethel, Maine.

GASOLINE ENGINE.—I have a 20 h. p. Fairbanks Gasoline Engine, practically as good as new, which I will sell at a bargain.

J. U. PURINGTON,
Bethel, Maine.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

There will be a sale of hand made fancy articles at I. L. Carver's store, Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 17.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the eleventh day of January, 1916 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
December 1st, 1915.

Suggestions for Christmas

Shoes, Overshoes, Box of Stockings, Gloves, Fur Lined Gloves, Wool Lined Gloves, Dress

Gloves, A Nice Mackinaw, A Rain Coat, A Fur Coat.

Another lot of those 15c Cotton Gloves at 10c per pair.

ELMER H. YOUNG.

number present.

The obligation was given to three candidates.

As this was the annual meeting no program was given, but the various reports were read and the following officers elected:

Master—L. E. McIntire.
Overseer—A. M. Ryerson.
Lecturer—Harold Pike.
Steward—Arthur Buck.
Chaplain—Rev. G. W. Stearns.
Asst. Steward—Herbert Mason.
Treasurer—Chas. Edwards.
Secretary—Mrs. Clara Ryerson.
Gate Keeper—Frank Dudley.
Pomona—Mrs. Edith McIntire.
Ceres—Mrs. Lizzie Pike.
Flora—Mrs. Nellie Buck.
L. A. Steward—

Mrs. Bernice Spearlin.
Ex. Com. for 3 years—A. W. Weston.
The officers were duly installed by Hon. G. W. Q. Parkman.

The South Paris Grange furnished an excellent dinner which was much enjoyed by all present.

Dean's Rheumatic Pills for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Entirely vegetable. Safe.

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Early and Get the Best.**

**Everything for the family
at reasonable prices. Come
in and look them over.**

Distinctive Neckwear,
Writing Paper in Xmas Boxes,
Sweaters, Thermos Bottles, Fiction Books
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receive prompt attention. Seating capacity 1,000. All seats reserved.
Evenings at 8. Matinees at 2 each day.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Ida Pike has finished work at
Bethel Inn.

Miss Mildred Bosserman was in Port-
land, Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Howe is with her sister,
Mrs. Hiram Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Merrill were in
Portland last week.

Raymond Chapman visited relatives
in Gorham, N. H., last week.

Judge A. E. Herriek attended Prob-
ate Court at Fryeburg, Tuesday.

Miss Maria Pease went to Boston,
Tuesday, to spend a few days.

Mr. William Bingham, 2nd, is spend-
ing a few days in Boston and New York.

The Universalist Sunday School are
rehearsing for their Christmas concert.

Mrs. Churchill is spending the winter
with her daughter, Mrs. Davis Lovejoy.

Mrs. Chester Cushman of Montville
is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
E. L. Arno.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond of
West Paris were guests of Miss L. M.
Stearns, Sunday.

Mrs. Penley of West Paris was a
guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell
last week.

Mr. George French of Mechanic Falls
was a guest of his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. S. J. French, last week.

Mr. Johnson and family have moved
from the Stearns Mill Village into the
Martin Stowell house on Elm street.

Trimmed Hats marked down at L. M.
STEARNS.

Mrs. Fred Philbrook was in Lewis-
ton, Tuesday.

Mrs. Stevens of Locke's Mills was
in town, Monday.

Miss Hilma Chandler has returned to
her home in Auburn.

Mr. E. C. Park was in Locke's Mills
on business, Tuesday.

Miss Helen Frost went to Norway,
Tuesday to visit her parents.

Mrs. Millard Clough and Mrs. Arno
Brown were in Norway, Tuesday.

Mr. Paul C. Thurston was a business
visitor in Boston the first of the week.

The Columbian Club will meet with
Mrs. Curtis, Friday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Chester Wheeler and little daughter,
Ruth, were in Gorham, N. H., Friday.

Mrs. Millard Clough was in Norway,
Tuesday, to see her mother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Finney of Nor-
way were week end guests of friends
in town.

Harold Chandler is in Rumford, where
he has a position in the Rumford Na-
tional Bank.

The Social Six will hold their regu-
lar meeting, Saturday afternoon with
Mrs. Little.

The Ladies' Club will meet with
Miss Mary True, Thursday afternoon
at three o'clock.

Rev. J. H. Little, Herman Mason and
F. B. Merrill attended Pomona Grange
at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Thurston are
receiving congratulations on the birth
of a daughter born Friday, Dec. 3.

The Universalist Mission Circle will
meet with Miss Alice O. Willis, Friday
afternoon at three o'clock. Watchword,
Friendship.

Mrs. Mae Godwin and Adelman
Stearns went to Lewiston, Tuesday,
that an operation for adenoids might be
performed upon Adelman.

Several are planning to attend the
"Birth of a Nation," which is to be
shown in Norway, Thursday, Friday
and Saturday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell are spend-
ing a few weeks with relatives in Fall
River, Mass. Miss Mae Wiley is stay-
ing at their home during their absence.

The Ladies' Club has not only been
busy preparing for the Christmas Sale,
Dec. 14, but have made sheets and
sponges to send to the French hospitals.

Mrs. Oscar Brann and little son, who
have been spending a few weeks with
Mrs. Brann's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J.
A. Twaddle, returned to their home in
Augusta, Tuesday.

The stores are taking on their holi-
day attire and many attractive things
are to be found. Our local merchants
have made a selection of Christmas ar-
ticles that ought to please the most fa-
cilitious.

Hon. T. F. Callahan of Lewiston, one
of the Republican aspirants for Gov-
ernor, was in town, Monday, looking
over the political field. Mr. Callahan is
one of the strongest candidates and
found many people inclined towards
him.

The Ladies' Club of the Congrega-
tional Society will hold the annual
Christmas Sale in Garland Chapel, Tues-
day afternoon, Dec. 14. There will be
fancy articles and aprons appropriate
for Christmas gifts; a parcel post table
which will prove an attraction and
home made candy always is tempting.
There will also be for sale food, jellies,
pickles, vegetables, etc.

Ladies' and Children's Hats only
\$1.00 at L. M. STEARNS.

**COUGHS AND COLDS ARE
DANGEROUS.**

Few of us realize the danger of
Coughs and Colds. We consider them
common and harmless ailments. How-
ever statistics tell us every third per-
son dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous
Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a
neglected cold. As your body struggles
against cold germs, no better aid can
be had than Dr. King's New Discovery.
Its merit has been tested by old and
young. In use over 45 years. Get a
bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of seri-
ous lung ailments. Druggists. Adv.

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Come and see what we have, something suitable for everyone
in the family.

If you have not received a copy of "The Gift Book," send
or call for a copy.

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This store will be open six nights a week from Dec. 15th to
24th.

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Bethel, Maine

Now is the Time

To make pullets lay by feeding them

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creasing 25c each week for fifty
weeks receive \$25.50 and interest
at 2 per cent.

Members paying 50c each
week for fifty weeks receive
\$25.00 and interest at 2 per
cent.

Members starting with 50c and in-
creasing 50c each week for fifty
weeks receive \$25.75 and interest
at 2 per cent.

Members paying \$1.00 each
week for fifty weeks receive
\$50.00 and interest at 2 per
cent.

We have Other Claims—Send for Circular—Easily Carried on By Mail
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The Home of the Christmas Club in Oxford County

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Ready for Christmas

WE HAVE OPENED UP HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS OF
CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF THE MOST USEFUL KIND.

They are now on display, surely, they are interesting. This is the best time to begin your
choosing when you can have plenty of time and the first choice.

WAISTS 88c to \$4.98	BATH ROBE BLANKETS \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98, \$4.50.	HANDKERCHIEFS 5c to \$1.00
Here is a big full line of Christmas Gift Waists—and you know how much a lady appreciates a pretty waist. Dainty lingerie waists in wonderful assortment, silk and crepe-de-chene of all kinds, pussy willow taffeta and beautiful striped tub silk, etc., etc. Every one is new and fresh and in best possible style.	Why not make him or her a gift of one of these made up into a robe? You surely could not choose wiser. Handsome patterns in the very best coloring to choose from.	Everybody is telling us that we have the most beau- tiful handkerchiefs they ever saw—and we believe they are quite right—and at the most reasonable prices. We are giving up a very large space to these goods. This makes easy choosing.

APRONS 25c to 88c	BEAUTIFUL LINENS	SPECIAL SILK PETTICOATS
Beautiful tea apron, sure to please every one, many new shapes, neatly trimmed with laces and Swiss em- broderies in fancy shapes. Aprons for maid or misses. Aprons for work or dress. Our stock is complete. No better time to choose.	Did you ever see a wom- an who did not prize her lin- ens? There are none. Just now we are making a special display of all kinds, towels, lunch sets, doilies, scarfs, napkins. You are sure of pleasing her with a gift of this kind.	Soft Taffeta Silk, only \$1.98 We were fortunate in se- curing from one of the large- est and best silk skirt manu- facturers this lot of skirts, nearly all colors, change- able. All are cut full through hips; have fancy flounces, dust ruffle.

Coats and Suits

THEY ARE ALL MARKED DOWN

Just think of the splendid opportunity you have to secure a new suit or coat at a liber-
al reduction, so early in the season. Many are sample garments being only one of a kind.
We advise early selection, to enable good assortment to choose from and more apt to get
your size.

NOTE:—One of these splendid coats or suits will make a grand Christmas present,
and the actual saving of money on these garments is surely worth consideration, especially
this time of the year.

SUITS for \$8.50, \$12.00, \$13.50, \$15.00, \$18.00.

A beautiful \$25.00 suit for \$18.00.

LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS—\$3.98, \$4.50, \$5.98, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.50, \$15.00. A
large assortment for \$10.00.

CHILDRENS' COATS AT MARKED DOWN PRICES

Thomas Smiley
DRY GOODS
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Norway,
Maine

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

MENDING MEN'S CLOTHES.

Mending men's garments is quite different from sewing women's clothes, for a flatiron plays almost as important a part in renovating as a needle, because every rip or tear looks 50 per cent better if pressed after darning, patching, etc.

The most inconspicuous way to repair three-cornered tears in woolen suits is to darn with ravelings of the material instead of thread.

The darning should be done most carefully, and the place afterward dampened slightly and pressed with a heavy hot iron. If for any reason it is not possible to get ravelings for this kind of work horse hair is less visible than thread and is strong.

It is sometimes possible to back a tear with a bit of court plaster, drawing the two edges together and pasting them with plaster. This is placed on the wrong side. When it adheres to the cloth put under a heavy weight until quite dry, otherwise it will curl.

Proper Way to Sew on Buttons. As to sewing on buttons, there are two ways, one the easiest for those with shanks, another for buttons with eyes.

In putting on shank buttons, sew only with strong linen thread, for silk and twist are quite useless, as they snap and pull out after the buttons have been fastened two or three times.

In putting on buttons which have eyes, hold between the button and the cloth a thick round bodkin or a match. Place this so that it rests in top of the cloth and under the button, the stitches coming at other side. The sewing should be rather loose, so that when the needle has been put through for the last time the match or bodkin can easily be withdrawn. Do not break the thread yet, but hold the button out as far as the stitches will permit and then wrap the thread around until a solid shank has been made. Fasten the thread on the wrong side and cut it.

Cloth or tailor buttons having a cloth shank should be put on with few stitches and stout linen thread should be used.

HANOVER.

Arthur Brown, while working in Smith Bros. mill, Friday, had the misfortune to cut the thumb and two middle fingers from his right hand. He was taken to McCarthy's Hospital at Rumford to have the hand dressed.

Wallace Saunders is steadily gaining since his return from the hospital. George Luxton has moved his family into C. F. Saunders' rent and he has employment with Mr. Saunders.

The Sunday School in Union Hall is progressing finely with a good attendance.

Mrs. A. T. Powers, who has been ill for a few weeks, was taken to Dr. McCarthy's Hospital a week ago Sunday. She is more comfortable.

C. F. Saunders and wife entertained four tables at whist, Saturday evening. First prizes were won by Miss Una Roberts and Eli Stearns, consolation by Charles Bartlett and Celia Brown. Refreshments were served.

Miss Parker from Freeport is teaching in District No. 2.

Several of the boys from this place attended the Boys' Conference at Bethel.

Novell Howard is able to be up and go about the house.

One Lot Hats—your choice \$1.00—at L. M. STEARNS'. Adv.

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My throat is much better.



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Those who object to fluid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

CANTON

Mrs. Osmer Dority has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Fred Webber, of Jay. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douglass of Randolph have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis.

Mrs. Lola Flanders of Livermore Falls is with her mother, Mrs. Joshua McKay, of Hartford, who is quite poorly.

E. B. Woodward and family have moved to the rent over their furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Roberts have been visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Andrew P. York returned from his hunting trip, Saturday with a deer.

Leroy Berry and wife of Roxbury, Mass., have been guests of his relatives at East Hartford.

Telephones have been installed in the homes of D. B. Partridge and J. M. Ladd.

Ellie and Guy Thompson have gone into the woods to work.

Mrs. Abbott A. Russell of Poland has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lathrop, and other relatives.

Geo. Childs, who recently sold his farm at the Point, has moved with his family to their new home in Skowhegan.

Mrs. Evie B. York has been a guest of her cousin, Mrs. William T. Pierce, of Gardiner.

Aloose Bryant has gone to his summer home in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Evelyn Dunn has been visiting in Livermore.

Albert Dodge and Harris Jones are on a hunting expedition at Upton.

The sale of Ponomah Rebekah Lodge will be held this Thursday evening and a supper served from 5.30 to 7.00 to the public.

Mrs. Alphonso W. Ellis has been visiting in Peru.

Mrs. T. A. Potter and son have returned home.

A pleasant meeting of the Canton Universalist Circle was held with Mrs. Geo. E. Towle, Thursday afternoon, with a large attendance. Seven visitors were present. A treat of confectionery was served. The next meeting will be an all-day meeting at the vestry and dinner will be served.

There was a small attendance at the Lecturers' Conference held at Canton Grange Hall, Wednesday. The speakers were: B. Walker McKean of Fryeburg, Florent Whitmore of Buckfield and Arthur Hall of North Buckfield.

A holyday and people are being added to the church at East Hartford, adding much to its appearance.

The sale and supper held by the ladies of the United Baptist Church, Wednesday, was well attended and a good sum realized.

Mrs. Fred Berry of Biddeford has been a recent guest of Mrs. Charles Small.

Mrs. John Briggs was a recent visitor in Lewiston and Auburn.

M. A. Waite, S. B. Ellis and G. L. Wadlin of Canton and O. S. Waite and Mr. Taylor of Jay are on a hunting trip to the Four Ponds.

Cyrus T. Bonney has sold a large amount of standing timber on his farm to Robbin Arsenault of Lewiston.

Alfred Gammon of Auburn made a short visit in town last week.

News has been received of the severe illness of Eugene Fred Lane of Wheatland, Wyoming, who is in the Wheatland Sanatorium suffering with a stomach trouble. Mr. Lane is well known in town, as he was employed for two years on the farm of R. G. Dunn. He has relatives in Peru and Dixfield. He is a member of "Anasaguntlook Lodge of Canton.

John LeBrecque, a Frenchman, who was employed in cutting wood for Robbin Arsenault at Hartford, passed away last week, after a short illness of double pneumonia at the age of 53.

Z. L. Merchant & Co.

Our Christmas Mark-Down

Sale of Coats and Suits

Now in Progress

A Splendid Opportunity to make yourself a gift (or your friends) at prices you would pay in February.

We make this offer while you have a full season's wear before you.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits at a saving of \$5.00 to \$8.00 on every suit and even a greater saving is offered on some of them.

Ladies' Coats, upwards of 100 to select from and the entire stock is put in at Mark-Down Prices.

Children's Coats, about 50 to choose from, age 1 to 14 year sizes, and priced at just a little more than half the regular low price.

Our Christmas Stocks are now displayed which offer many advantages for your early Christmas Shopping.

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Here Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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Every one buying gifts for men, young men or boys should remember that the Season's smartest and best Styles, and Combinations can be found here.

LET THIS BE YOUR CHRISTMAS STORE

The things men really like for gifts are arranged conveniently to facilitate choosing. Prompt sure delivery of gifts selected at any time requested before Christmas morning.

A few worth while Holiday Suggestions (besides Clothing, Hats or Caps.)

House Coats and Bath Robes, Pajamas, Night Robes, Canes and Umbrellas, Gloves and Mittens, Shirts, Ties, Cuff Buttons and Stock Pins, Arm Bands, Handkerchiefs, Etc., Etc., Combination Sets in boxes of Ties, Hose and Handkerchiefs, Ties and Hose, and in fact most any combination you wish.

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SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

The Willing Workers met Wednesday with Mrs. Jessie Andrews. They voted to change the date of their fair from Dec. 22 to Dec. 18.

F. R. Andrews and Martha Barrett attended Pleasant Pond grange at an all day session, Wednesday, where the South Paris grange worked the first and second degrees. There were six granges represented with a large attendance.

The Union school began Monday after a vacation of two weeks with Miss Nancy Millet as teacher.

Mrs. Oliver Robbins has taken Thomas Radcliffe's baby to care for it. Frank Little is repairing his build.

A. M. Andrews was at Lewiston, Wednesday, on business.

F. R. Andrews has purchased a very fine six years old colt, recently.

Mrs. Belle Kramer went to South Paris and Norway, Wednesday, and spent the day.

Harry Sauborn has carried several parties to Norway this week to the Novers sale.

O. G. Buck was at South Paris, Monday, on business.

Frank Allen and son of Buckfield were week end guests of F. R. Andrews.

Harlan M. Andrews and party returned Sunday from their deer hunt with one nice buck deer.

GILEAD.

Fred and Harold Moore of Norway have been visiting their father, Samuel Moore, for a few days.

Frank Johnson returned home from Canada last Tuesday after spending a few months there.

Florence Bryant was in Bethel last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lela Lary and Mrs. Ivan Heath and daughter, Mildred, of Bethel were in town, recently.

Frank Coffin and daughter, Pearl, have returned home from Portland after spending a few days with Mrs. Coffin, who is there for treatment.

There was a dance at the Tea Hall last Friday evening, Dec. 3rd, and music was furnished by the Imperial orchestra of Berlin, N. H. A large crowd attended and at intermission ice cream and cake were served.

Harry Wall of Batareth, N. Y., has been spending a few days in town.

Cesar Arsenault was in Berlin, N. H., last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffin are residing

MANY CHILDREN HAVE WORMS.

Worms are a common childhood ailment. They make children irritable, nervous and restless; besides robbing the body and mind of proper nourishment. Watch your child. Examine the stools and at first signs of worms give your child a treatment of Kickapoo Worm Killer. They kill the worms, act as a laxative and expel the worms and poisonous waste. Tonic the system and help restore your child's health and happy disposition. Only \$1.00 at your Druggist.

ing congratulations on the birth of a son, born Dec. 4th.

Ladies' and Children's Hats only \$1.00 at L. M. STEARNS'. Adv.

EAST SUMNER.

Mrs. F. E. Foster was the guest of Mary Bryant and Mrs. J. A. Keene, recently.

Rev. F. M. Lamb was a caller in town last Friday.

Mrs. Lucy G. Russell is with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Gammon, in Farmington for a while.

There were many Thanksgiving visitors in town.

Bessie Russell has not been as well for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. F. Hollis of Sumner Hill, who

had a serious operation two weeks ago, is doing as well as could be expected.

Dr. H. F. Atwood of Buckfield is attending her.

Schools in town began again Monday, the 6th.

Dorothy Wilbur is the guest of her grandmother and aunt in Portland.

T. W. Bonney is assisting O. E. Turner in his blacksmithing.

Mrs. L. M. Buck and son, Lionel Russell, and Mrs. B. G. Stephens and Mrs. Amy Russell were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. Ella S. Heald has returned home after a two weeks' stay at A. F. Hollis'.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN.

Slippers for Her or Him

Slippers make ideal Christmas Gifts—useful and desirable

Here are: Women's Felt Slippers with leather or cushioned sole at \$1.00 and \$1.50 pair. Women's Roudor Slippers, in all popular colors, with or without heels, at \$1.00 and \$1.25 pair. Women's Moccasins \$1.00 to \$2.50. Men's Moccasins \$1.25 to \$2.50.

PORTEOUS, MITCHELL & BRAUN CO.**Mailing Service**

We have made special arrangements in our Mail Order Department—to receive, wrap and mail all parcels which our customers are desirous of sending by parcel post.

Again This Season! And More Than Ever Will This Store Be**Headquarters for Christmas Shopping****Complete Stock of Holiday Novelties—Fresh New Goods in all Departments**

THE work and planning of months has resulted in a Christmas Shopping center here for everyone—a store which simply radiates the spirit of the season. This large amount of preparation, like everything else really worth while, means a considerable expenditure of both time and money, but we take pride in doing it right. We know our efforts are appreciated by the shopping public, and if we succeed in pleasing the people with this big store, our own reward will follow automatically.—P., M. & B. Co.

Store Decorations

Our plans for interior store decorations include Old Mother Goose and many of the other story book and fairy tale characters. They are here now!

Christmas Chimes

As part of our exterior store decorations we again have those musical Christmas chimes—which ring out their messages every day—they'll be heard all the season.

Santa Claus

Good old Santa Claus will be seen in our big show window again this season. He will arrive on Friday, the 10th of December—He is here now.

New Money

We know there are numerous demands for Gold Coins and brand new Crisp Bills for Holiday Gifts—we will have these constantly on hand and will freely exchange—ready now.

Furs**For Christmas Gifts at the old before the advance prices**

And this is how it is—

We bought our Furs, all of them, the largest and best stock we have ever shown, before the rise in prices. In fact—we bought them while Furs were the lowest in price that they had been in years. Our stock came in and we marked it at our usual low prices—the very same prices they are marked now—And this is the result—Furs have simply jumped in price. We are selling Furs now cheaper in many cases than present wholesale prices.

Black Fox Scarfs	\$15.00 to \$16.00
Black Fox Muffs	\$17.50 to \$20.00
Black Fox Collars	\$17.50 to \$25.00
Black Fox Round Muffs at	\$35.00
Smoke Fox Muffs at	\$15.00
Red Fox Sets	\$17.50 to \$25.00

Skunk Scarfs	\$10.00 to \$30.00
Skunk Muffs	\$22.50 to \$50.00
Skunk Cuffs	\$10.00 to \$25.00
Skunk Round Muffs at	\$40.00
Skunk Collars	\$15.00 to \$25.00

Black Wolf Scarfs	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Wolf Shawls	\$20.00 to \$30.00
Black Wolf Muffs	\$15.00 to \$30.00
Black Wolf Round Muffs at	\$25.00
Smoke Wolf Muffs	\$25.00 to \$30.00
Smoke Wolf Scarfs at	\$30.00
Black Lynx Scarfs	\$30.00 to \$50.00
Black Lynx Muffs	\$30.00 to \$50.00
Black Lynx Round Muffs at	\$35.00
Black Lynx Novelty Pieces	\$22.50 to \$35.00

Natural Raccoon Shawl Scarfs	\$10.00 to \$30.00
Natural Raccoon Muffs	\$10.00 to \$30.00
Natural Raccoon Collars	\$7.99 to \$20.00
Natural Raccoon Round Muffs	\$20.00
Small Raccoon Neck Pieces	\$7.99 to \$15.00

Narobia Furs

A soft, lustrous black Fur, at very moderate cost. Every piece has a Narobia silk tag sewed into it. This tag is equivalent to a guarantee as to wear and color.

Narobia Scarfs	\$5.00 to \$12.50
Narobia Muffs	\$5.00 to \$15.00
Narobia Collars	\$5.00 to \$7.99
Narobia Round Muffs at	\$12.50
Narobia Novelty Scarfs	\$7.50 to \$12.50

Badger Sets	\$50.00
Cokey Sets at	\$20.00
Ermine Sets at	\$65.00
Opossum Sets at	\$20.00

Stationery, etc.**Prices 10c to 1.50**

At this counter you will find stationery put up in fancy Holiday Boxes in most satisfying range of styles and prices. It doesn't matter what either gifts to or she may have, stationery is always acceptable. At this counter also you will find the Christmas Cards, Gift Cards, Books, Tags, Twines, Tinsel, Holly Sprays, Tissue Papers, Calendars, etc.

P. M. & B. Co.

HERE ARE SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR COMPLETE HOLIDAY LINES**Jewelry**

From 25c to \$5.00 piece

A BIG new stock of Jewelry for Christmas presents—presents for men, women and children. Hundreds of dainty little novelty pieces at moderate cost which make delightful gifts. Jewelry in solid gold, gold plated or silver. You can choose a sparkling diamond or a lustrous Maine Tourmaline, beautifully set, or you can select a plain simple gift of Jewelry at much less cost. P. M. & B. Co.

Parisian Ivory

From 25c to \$8.50 piece

A WONDERFUL craze for "Ivory" this season, and few things are more delightful for Christmas presents. Select a large or small piece, an inexpensive or better piece as you choose, then have it engraved with the initials or monogram of the recipient to be, and you've sent something worth while. On all purchases of \$1.00 or over we do the engraving free of charge—but order now before the rush is on. P. M. & B. Co.

Toys

From 25c to \$25.00

"BEST" and "largest" are very much overworked words—they are used by everyone when speaking of Toy assortments. We'll not use either word this evening (though we might truthfully do so), but we ask you only to come in and see our wonderful exhibit—then look around if you please—we'll be very willing to leave all decisions to you. Toys are in the Basement. P. M. & B. Co.

Handkerchiefs

From 2c to \$5.00 each

THIS is one department where excellence of assortment, big range of styles and prices and superior values are all factors in its superiority. You can buy a most pleasing gift here for man, woman or child—anything and everything from the little colored nursery rhyme Handkerchiefs for children at 15c a box up to the exquisitely lace trimmed and embroidered beauties for women at \$5.00 each. Many dainty Handkerchief presents in boxes. P. M. & B. Co.

Books

From 10c to \$5.00 each

BOOKS, Books, Books—what kind of a Christmas would it be without either giving or receiving Books for Christmas? We have a splendid stock of Books this season. All the latest popular fiction nicely bound. Books also of Travel, Books of Art, Books of History, Books for Men, Books for Women, Books for Girls and Boys—and a wonderful line of Juvenile Books for the little tots—Books are on the 1st floor. P. M. & B. Co.

Leather Goods

From 25c to \$8.50 piece

RIGHT on our big center aisle you will find an unsurpassed line of handsome Leather Goods for Christmas presents—and after all, there are few things more desirable for gifts. Every piece we show is new and fresh—a wonderful line of Purses, Bags, Bill Folds, etc. Myriads of dainty pieces for children, too. A grand line of Leather and Brass Novelties—all at right prices. P. M. & B. Co.

Dolls

From 25c to \$16.50

A MERICAN made Dolls and Imported Dolls—a variety so large and a range of prices so extended that we are able to meet every demand. Jointed Dolls, Kid Body Dolls, Unbreakable Dolls, Celluloid Dolls, Character Dolls, Beautifully Dressed Dolls, Small Dolls, Large Dolls—and the finest looking special Dollar Dolls we have ever shown. Dolls are on the Fourth Floor. P. M. & B. Co.

Pictures

From 25c to \$5.00 each

OUR Holiday line of Pictures is all opened up and ready. If bothered about "what to get," buy a nicely framed Picture. A wonderful range of subjects and styles of framing—a size and subject for every place and purpose—just now we feature a line of Framed Pictures at 25c each, and you will pronounce them wonderful at such small cost—so many subjects, such splendid framing at 25c each. P. M. & B. Co.

Gloves

From \$1.00 to \$5.00 pair

A PAIR or two of our reliable Gloves nicely packed in an attractive Holiday box will be gladly received by man, maid, matron or little one. Gloves are one of the standard, always welcome presents—and our Holiday stock is now most complete. Beautiful French Lambkin Gloves, genuine French Kid Gloves, Elegant long white Kid Gloves for evening wear, warm lined Gloves for cold weather, etc. P. M. & B. Co.

Silk Hosiery

From 75c to \$3.50 pair

MORE and more the demand is for Silk Hosiery for Christmas presents—this year they will be used more for the purpose than ever before—and our stock is in condition to meet every demand, a full line of novelties, smart, snappy styles, a grand assortment of colorings, embroidered, stockings, etc., beautiful plain colors in wide assortment. If it's to be "Silk Hosiery," come here for them. P. M. & B. Co.

NEW PRICES

ON LADIES' AND MISSES' FALL AND WINTER

Suits**BIG REDUCTIONS**

Handsome Suits of All Wool Poplins, Men's-wear Serges, Broadcloths, Fancy Mixture Cloths, etc.

In the lot are navy, black, brown, etc. Many styles to choose from—in the better Suits there are hardly any two models just alike—

LOT 1—	15.00 and 17.50 Suits at	9.75
LOT 2—	17.00 and 20.00 Suits at	12.50
LOT 3—	20.00 and 22.00 Suits at	14.75
LOT 4—	Regular 25.00 Suits at	19.75
LOT 5—	30.00 and 35.00 Suits at	25.00

You May Need

A New Dress**For the Holiday Season**

A handsome Dress for afternoon wear, or one for evening wear or a dainty little Dancing Frock perhaps. We never were in such splendid condition to serve you—our Dress stock is at its very best just now—so many varied styles. Such a big range of prices.

Afternoon Dresses	40.00 to 65.00
Evening Gowns	17.50 to 100.00
Dancing Frocks	15.00 to 25.00

A New Linoleum

For Kitchen, Bath Room or Chamber

There are over one hundred different patterns in our line at this time.

For Bed Room at	38c, 50c to 85c sq. yd.
For Bath Room or Kitchen at	50c, 75c, 85c to \$1.50 sq. yd.

New Stair Carpets

For the Stairs or for the Hall

A portion of our new Spring line is just in—a good selection of patterns in Tapestry at

Brussels at	50c, 55c to \$1.25 yd.
Wilton Velvet at	95c and \$1.25 yd.
	\$1.75 yd.

A New Rug

For the Living Room, Dining Room or Hall

A large portion of our new Spring line is now on sale—we are able to meet your requirements whether in a large or a small one—A fine Rug or an inexpensive one.

Small Rugs at from	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Large Rugs at from	\$7.50 to \$60.00

A New Dinner Set

Why not set out the Christmas Dinner on a handsome new Dinner Set? You can choose here from over fifty splendid stock patterns—patterns which may be matched for years to come.

You can buy the set complete (112 pieces) or you can select a few pieces at a time at the same price ratio as if you bought the whole set at once.

American Porcelain Dinner Sets	at \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16.50 and \$20
English Semi-Porcelain Sets	at \$12.50, \$15, \$20 and \$25
Haviland China Sets	\$35, \$45 to \$75

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS**PORTEOUS, MITCHELL & BRAUN CO., PORTLAND**

RUMFORD

Mrs. Jennie Nadeau has accepted the position of head clerk for Levin Santor & Co.

Donald Withington, who has been employed in the Rumford Garage for the past year, has accepted a fine position with the Willis Overland Car Co., at Detroit, Michigan.

Matthew McLeod left on Saturday for a business trip to Boston and New York.

Miss Carlotta Kinch has finished work as cashier in the store of O. H. McKenzie Co. Miss Marion McPhoe is taking her place.

Richard Kirk, who has been in New York for the past year, has returned, and is at work in the Oxford mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Mrs. Michael Conway, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pretty of Rangely Place, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a twelve pound son.

Miss Elva Elliott has accepted a position in the telephone office.

Miss Frances Wheat has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the store of the E. W. Howe Co.

Mrs. Messere is visiting her parents at Concord, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Putnam are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

The bag bazaar held by the ladies of the Baptist Church last week was a grand success, over \$100 being realized.

In the evening, a fine supper was served to over 150 people. The committees appointed by Mrs. E. A. Wakeley, president of the Ladies' Aid Society were as follows: Supper, Messrs. George Brown, Walter Hicks, Harry Ostrum, Hubbard and Cornell; fancy work table, Mrs. James MacGregor and Mrs. George D. Bisbee; apron table, Mrs. Charles M. Bisbee and Mrs. Fred B. Carroll; candy table, Miss Nellie Hunt.

The Rumford Band Association will give a grand sacred concert at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday evening, Dec. 12. The band will render some of the best sacred numbers composed by the masters. Special mention may be made that the Sextette from Lucia will be sung by Mrs. Fish, Miss Bentley, Mr. Chaffin, Mr. Irish, Bradford Andrews and Mr. Amback. Also Archie Felt will play "The Rosary," arranged as a cornet solo.

The schoolhouse at Rumford Point will be re-dedicated on Thursday evening of this week, and the Stephens High School will be re-dedicated on Friday evening of this week. Hon. Payson Smith, State Superintendent of Schools, will be the principal speaker each evening.

A primary election was held by the Democrats of Rumford on Wednesday last to determine the nominee for postmaster. The polls were open from 8:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M., thus giving every Democrat ample opportunity to cast his ballot. Following is the result of the balloting:—Total number of ballots, 438. George D. McMennamin, 211; E. J. Rodierick, 173; Frank M. Taylor, 100; Defective, 4. Messrs. Rodierick and Taylor took their defeat in good humor, and cordially shook hands with Mr. McMennamin and congratulated him upon his victory, as did also his many other friends. The ballot committee was composed of Oliver A. Pettengill, town clerk; Walter L. Chidwick, chief ballot clerk; assistants, Everett M. Bessey, Maurice Rodierick and W. J. Dyer. The result of the election has given general satisfaction, as Mr. McMennamin came to this town over twenty years ago, and has been identified with its growth from that time on, and is one of the four pioneer democrats here.

Mr. and Mrs. Seward McDonald of Rangely Place have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their infant daughter. Mrs. McDonald is quite ill from the shock of losing her baby.

Mr. Isaac W. Allen has accepted the position of subscription solicitor for the Rumford Falls Times. He will visit the towns of Oxford County and some Franklin County towns in the interests of that paper.

Rumford is to have a rousing Merchant's week, the week beginning Dec. 13th in celebration of the installation

of the new street lighting system. This was decided upon at a meeting of a number of the leading merchants and business men at Mechanics Institute on Thursday morning last. Among those present were: Orville J. Gonyea, J. E. Fabyan, George Brown, Robert J. Harris, Harry Marx, A. F. Walters, Nathan P. Israelson, Ephraim Henry, Cass P. Voter, Charles A. Mixer, Edward S. Kennard and Tracy L. Barker. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gonyea. J. E. Fabyan, superintendent of Mechanics Institute was chosen president of the association, and Tracy L. Barker, secretary. President Fabyan called upon Charles A. Mixer, resident engineer for the Rumford Falls Power Co., for remarks. All seemed to be in favor of a Merchant's Week, and then matters concerning what the attractions should be were discussed. It was decided that among other features, would be the girl's band, the boys' band, and the Rumford brass band. It was decided to have the Institute, the Business Men's Club rooms, etc., open to everybody each day, and until eleven o'clock at night. It was also voted to make arrangements so that visitors could be shown through the paper mills on certain days, so we just how paper is made from wood. Other attractions will be offered. J. E. Fabyan, George Brown and N. P. Israelson were appointed a committee on advertising. Messrs. Kennard and Mixer were appointed to look after the entertainment of the people.

The ladies of the Universalist church held a chaffin supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson O. Ames on Washington street on Thursday evening last, to raise money to aid in paying for the new robes which have recently been purchased for the use of the choir and organist at that church. The tables were most attractively arranged, dainty lunch cloths, pretty lights, and attractive dishes adding much toward the artistic effect of the affair. The menu was most appetizing. The financial results were very gratifying, the ladies netting nearly twenty dollars from their efforts.

The Police Department think, with the arrest of Fred Furbush, that numerous small breaks which have been so annoying, will cease, for the present, at least. Since the break in Stevens' jewelry store a short time ago they have been quietly working on clues leading to Furbush, but did not have evidence enough to warrant an arrest. Several days ago Furbush boarded the 4:25 P. M. train for Bemis, having with him several bundles and two apparently heavy knapsacks. He left the train at Byron, and went up on Buckfield Hill, where his father has a camp. A young man by the name of Arthur Pougnette went with him for a hunting trip. Later Furbush got communicative and told Pougnette the whole story of the Stevens and other breaks. Furbush, on Friday last, went to Bemis after mail, a distance of fifteen miles. During his absence, Pougnette took some of the loot for proof and came to Rumford and told his story to Mr. Stevens, who immediately got busy with the officers. Officer Landry left early Saturday morning by auto for Buckfield Hill, but as luck would have it, Furbush saw the officer coming towards the camp, and took to the forest back of the camp and disappeared. Landry however collected all the loot that he could find, amounting to several hundred dollars, consisting of automatic revolvers from Stevens; a fine telescope, which was stolen from the camp at Weld Pond, belonging to Don A. Gates of Dixfield, a fine leather knapsack, and a fine aluminum cooking outfit, together with many other things of value. Officer Landry, suspecting that Furbush might come back to the old camp or to some other near by, got officer Jack Dennis in the late P. M. of Saturday, and they went again to Buckfield Hill, a distance from town of some twenty miles, arriving at about 9:30 P. M. Not finding their man, they went on foot through an old trail to a hunting camp at the foot of Tumble-down Mountain in the edge of Weld, and there found their man. He was taken to Rumford at once, and lodged in the lockup, the party arriving at 4:30 A. M. on Sunday morning. A hearing was held before Judge McCarthy on Monday morning, when Furbush was bound over until the March term of the Supreme Court.

The chief of call for the fire department on Sunday evening between six and seven o'clock, was a call from Milton where Mann's mill was burning and threatening houses in the vicinity. The danger was over before the truck arrived upon the scene. There is a blacksmith's shop contained within the mill, in which the men had been working on Sunday afternoon, and it is thought that the fire caught from that. The mill was completely destroyed.

Hon. Hugh J. Chisholm of New York was in town on Friday and Saturday last looking over the improvements of the past season. It is understood that he was much pleased at the outlook.

Several of the would-be Governors of the State have been in town during the past week, looking over the political field.

Mr. Lewis E. Small of Mexico has been appointed deputy sheriff to take

WOMEN'S WOES

Bethel Women Are Finding Relief at Last

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Keeping the kidneys well has spared thousands of women much misery. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that is endorsed by people you know.

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the place of Thomas H. Penley, resigned.

Mrs. Martin Griffin of Baldwin Terrace is confined to the house by illness, suffering with an abscess in the throat.

Major Theodore Hawley, general superintendent of the Continental Paper Bag Mill, says that business conditions in the mill were never better, and there is every reason to believe this condition will extend into the future. Recently he has been obliged to refuse orders both in paper bags and wrapping papers.

Considerable exporting is being done to Cuba and similar localities, and this business has received no check perceptibly, from the war trouble. At the Oxford mill, the general manager, James W. Harris, notices a steadily increasing improvement in business and trade conditions, a fine reaction having set in after the depression which affected every kind of business in the United States in mid-summer. The war has affected this mill's supplies very little, save in regard to colorings from Germany. The Oxford, which manufactures book and magazine stock, has changed over to American coloring matters, which are proving fairly satisfactory, says Mr. Harris. He sees no reason why the improving trade conditions should not continue indefinitely into the future.

The annual memorial services of the Rumford Lodge of Elks took place at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday afternoon, and a most interesting and impressive service it was. A large crowd was in attendance, who listened, first of all to an introductory concert as given by the Cheney Opera House Orchestra, which included a program of five selections, the last one of which was a march by Kaufman, entitled, "Good Scout," and dedicated to the B. P. O. E. of America. This was followed by the order of service, the opening ceremonies being conducted by Mr. James D. Clarke, high exalted ruler. Rev. Allen Brown of the Universalist Church was the officiating clergyman, and the male quartette of that church furnished the music interspersed by vocal solos beautifully rendered by Miss Hazel Woolbury of Auburn. One of the attractive features of the afternoon was the reading of Thannatopsis by Mr. Bennett D. Sharron, also the pantomime, as given by Miss Hazel Packard, Miss Florence Wells and Miss Anderson all of Mexico, who draped in Grecian robes of white, gave poems as the male quartette sang, "Nearer My God to Thee." The address of the afternoon was given by Mr. Carroll L. Reedy of the Portland Lodge of Elks, who spoke with a fluency and easy flow of language which would be hard to equal. He easily held the close attention of his many listeners during the entire time that he spoke. The services closed with the singing of America in which all joined, followed by the invocation by Rev. Mr. Brown.

A fine delegation of Rumford boys went on Friday last to Bethel to participate in the annual Oxford County Boys' Conference. The delegation included: Norton Linnell, Cuyler White, Stanley Peterson and John Sylvester from the Methodist Church; Morle Niles, Areble Phelps, Richard Harrison and Clarence Wade from the Virgiana Memorial Chapel; Elwood Sanborn from the High School; Stanley White, Theodore Davis, Leon Shes, Willie Clarke, Abbott Nile, Casper Collier, Arthur Chapman and Guy Kenney from the Boy Scouts, Messrs. Sanborn, Stanley White and Chapman also representing the Baptist Sunday School.

Rev. John M. Arters, guest master, and J. E. Stephens, an adult boy leader accompanied the ladies. Mr. Arters also opened a discussion on the paper on

WEST PARIS

Mrs. E. J. Dennen and Miss Mabel E. Hecker were in Lewiston, Saturday. G. A. Smith went to Boston, Saturday, to see Mrs. Smith, who is in a hospital for treatment.

Dr. Webster of Lewiston and Dr. Wheeler of West Paris performed an operation for appendicitis upon Edith daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of North Paris. Miss Stevens is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann entertained the Happy-Go-Lucky Whist Club, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lola Shurtliff of South Paris has been the recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lane.

Rev. S. C. Whitcomb has been spending several days here in the interest of the Free Baptist Church. He has occupied the pulpit two Sundays.

Miss Ora Field was given a variety shower, Wednesday, in honor of her approaching marriage. She received some pretty gifts.

Alton Rowell is quite ill.

Mrs. Sara E. Curtis has closed her home here and gone to Portland to spend the winter in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Briggs.

Quite a number from here attended Pomona, Tuesday, at South Paris.

Mrs. D. A. Ball was in Portland, Thursday.

There will be union Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist Church, Christmas Eve.

"Educational and Physical Preparedness," given Saturday morning by Jeff Smith and A. A. Heald of Waterville.

The general committee in charge of entertaining the Maine Methodist Conference next April has extended an invitation to Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University, N. Y., and whose summer home has been in Monmouth, to give the conference address on April 14th. This will be a free public affair.

Louie Talbot, who has been severely ill with rheumatism for the past month, is not gaining in health.

The official board of the Methodist Church, including nine trustees and twenty-one stewards, tendered a reception on Wednesday evening of this week to the persons who have recently been received into membership in this church. The number of new members has been gratifyingly large, including 50, owing in part to the evangelistic services just completed here. T. T. Parker was chairman of the committee in charge.

In place of its annual sale, the ladies of the Methodist Church will serve a chicken pie supper at the vestry on Dec. 11th. The general chairman of the long list of names on the committee being Mrs. R. T. Parker, the president of the Aid.

Wood's Greenery will be used this year by the Universalist Ladies' Aid in decorating the vestry for the annual Christmas sale and fair, held on Thursday of this week. The committee: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Swain, Rev. Allen Brown and Mrs. Howe, will decorate on Thursday morning. The Y. P. C. U. of the church will this year have the fancy and candy table, their committee being Misses Norma Gates and Marguerite McKenzie.

Miss Ruth MacGregor left on Thursday last for Boston where she will visit her sister, Miss Hazel MacGregor, a student at Wellesley College, and her aunt, Mrs. Daggett, of Lowell.

Miss Edith Whittemore of Hebron, a classmate of Mrs. E. E. McCarthy at Hebron Academy, arrived on Friday last to be the guest of Mrs. McCarthy for a week's stay at her home on Franklin street.

Mrs. Arthur Morrison, a former well-known resident here, is in town for a stay of some length with her daughter, Mrs. Robley Morrison, on Crescent avenue.

Although the Rumford Chamber of Commerce has received considerable correspondence from the National Defense Committee, concerning the observance of a National Defense Day, as yet no action has been taken on the matter, as the season has been full to repletion of business of possibly more vital local importance.

Rev. William Oaskin, a former pastor of the Rumford Universalist Church, but now taking a post graduate course at Tufts College, will spend a portion of his Christmas vacation at the home of Mrs. John McKenzies of Knox street.

The hearing against Jesse Perry, charged with administering medicine to Miss Ethel Weir with criminal intent, came to a close on Monday noon with the arguments of George A. Hutchins and County Attorney Bellevue. Perry was bound over by Judge Matthew McCarthy under \$700 bonds, to the March term of the Supreme Court. The trial of Miss Weir will probably take place very soon.

In the basketball game on Friday evening last at the Institute, between Rumford High and Livermore Falls High, Rumford won by a score of 27 to 4, Livermore not getting a goal from the floor.

Arthur J. Landry, the only remaining one of the serving-deputies of late

ANDOVER

Mrs. Jesse Glover and little son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Learned, Wednesday last.

Girdler Sweet and brother, Mr. Houghton, from Lynn, returned from a hunting trip to G. Pond last week, bringing with them four nice deer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Nov. 25.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Leallo have returned from a trip to Montreal and Quebec.

Mrs. Clarence Newton was at Rumford, Wednesday of last week.

Mr. J. M. Doyen from Mexico was through town last week, buying furs.

Mrs. Bert Hutchins, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

Mrs. Abbie Poor returned from Portland, Tuesday.

Fred Thomas cut his foot quite badly, Sunday, while cutting a tree down at Bog Brook.

H. H. Morton was at home from his camp a few days last week.

Irving Hanson, wife and daughter, are visiting at Y. A. Thurston's.

Mrs. Annie French, who came last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. John French, went to Rumford, Friday last, to be the guest of Thomas French and wife before returning to her home in Boston.

Cedric Thurston was at home a few days last week from Anisechoos.

A number from Andover attended the "Birth of a Nation" at Rumford this week.

Samuel Clark has been in town, recently.

Reginald Cummings, Horace and Arthur Tuttle and Guy Stirtivant of Paris Hill returned from G. Pond, Sunday, after a week's hunting, with six deer, one of them a 13-point buck.

Y. A. Thurston and Irving Hanson are at the Lane camps, G. Pond, this week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church held their annual sale of fancy work, aprons, candy, etc., Wednesday evening in the hall. A harvest supper was served in the dining hall from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Henry L. Poor has electric lights installed in his house and stable.

The selectmen were at Bethel, Monday, to look after the Farrington boy. They are boarding him at Mr. Langavins, So. Andover.

The Campbell brothers have finished pressing hay at the Surplus.

H. L. Thurston and wife were at Rumford, Tuesday.

Mrs. Eliza (Sallow) French, wife of John A. French, passed away at her home on Pine street, Saturday, Nov. 27, after a long illness. Mrs. French was born in Boston in 1846 and was married when twenty years of age to Mr. John A. French, coming to Andover in 1867, where she has since resided. She leaves, besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Clayton Swent and Miss May French, also three sons, Thomas French of Rumford and Fred and John French of this town. Mrs. French was a tender, true-hearted woman, a kind neighbor, ever helpful in the social duties of the town, where her presence will long be missed. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the home, Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. Geo. Graham officiated. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Mr. Houghton, who has been the guest of his brother, Girdler Sweet and family, returned Saturday to his home in Lynn, Mass.

Lane Mr. Grange will meet Saturday for its regular all day meeting.

NORTH HARTFORD

J. P. Davenport visited his brother, Adelbert, and his uncle, Sherburn Davenport, and family, Sunday.

Nellie Garey visited her parents and sister, Mrs. Eli Grover, at the home of Alvin Garey, Wednesday.

Marion Steison was in Lewiston, shopping, recently.

Mr. Quinn, who has been stopping with Lillian Savory, went away about one week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Curtis, who sold their farm to the Foster estate, have bought another farm in Otisfield and moved there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham are both very poorly this winter.

Sumner DeCoster visited his cousin, Mrs. Julia Thorne, Sunday.

Stanley Bessey is visiting with Walter Gammon and going deer hunting. Janey Gammon has moved his family to Hartford Center. He has a wood job there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry expect to spend the winter in South Paris.

C. H. Hutchinson went to Wales with a drove of cattle and sheep for George Woodville last week.

We hear that Amasa Carter has bought a stand in Canton and is soon to move there with his family.

Mr. Winfield Farrar is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Carter.

has now passed in his resignation to take effect the 1st of January. It is rumored that Robert Pierpont, is to accept the office as Mr. Landry's successor.

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SPARROWS' CHIRPS.

By D. Moly in Bruno's Weekly.

The sparrow is a much better bird than he is usually given credit for. He does not have any rich colors in his feathers so that people will want to wear them on their hats, and he may not have any other practical use, but he is a good song bird. In the summer, there are so many other birds around that people are prejudiced in favor of, that the sparrow doesn't get any notice. But in the winter he is the principal bird.

It is fortunate for him that he does not know what the people think of him. He feels that he is just as good a bird as there is in the world, and when all the other birds have gone south to where it is warm, the sparrow gets up in a big tree that has just all its leaves and stands there in the wind and sings. He sings with all his might. He sees that the people need song, and he stays so there will be someone to give it to them. The passer-by and the people in the houses near the tree may think the sound is shrill and only a noise, but this doesn't interfere with the sparrow—he knows it is a song. And when he sings, he is happy.

He does not sing his song just to hear himself, else he would sit in his nest at home and do it. And he doesn't sing it with the idea that he will get something to eat. It is just pastime for him and he does it because he likes to and assumes that it is appreciated. This attitude is so good that, regardless of the quality of the song, the sparrow himself should be respected and made more so.

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POSSIBLE SOURCE OF POTASH.

Following Secretary Lane's instructions to put special effort into his potash investigations, the United States Geological Survey is publishing the suggestion that a possible source of potash may exist in the tallings piled up at the concentrating mills of the big copper mines in the West. The "porphyry" ores which are being mined by the millions of tons annually contain several times as much potash as copper, and this remains in the tallings at the mills, material already leached and in condition for treatment, as well as easily accessible for shipment. This potash, however, is locked up in the form of silicate minerals, and the commercial extraction of potash from silicates has been for several years the subject of earnest study by industrial chemists. If this problem can be solved, it would appear that a large tonnage of potash-bearing material is available in the Western States.

The brief report issued this week by the Geological Survey (Bulletin 339-3) contains typical analyses of these "porphyry" ores from the largest copper mines in a half-dozen States, as well as chemical estimates of the ore reserves and are already mined and treated. A few chemical analyses of tallings are also published.

Suggestion of a possible potash resource in these tallings originated with J. S. Hoffer, the geologist in charge of the Survey's statistical study of copper, who has based his short paper upon the published analyses of specimens collected by the numerous geologists in their investigations of the mining districts.

The significant fact regarding this possible source of potash is that in quantity it is more than adequate to meet all the needs of the country as measured by present consumption of potash. The problem of potash extraction from this by-product of the copper industry therefore becomes an attractive one for the chemical engineer and industrial technologist.

Another and different source of potash is at St. Albans, Vt.

POEMS WORTH READING

IMAGINATION AND REALITY.
(Written by W. E. Overlock and
Read at October Meeting of
Knox Pioneers.)

I live 'way up in Washington,
Beyond the western hills;
An unpretending country town,
With not a trace of fells.

My wife and I have come today
Down from that farming section;
And many more that I see here
Came from the same direction.

'Bout once a month our habit is
To strike out for Bonanza,
Behind old Ned, as faithful beast
As ever had an owner.

And joggling down past Wesley Law's
Outspread a panorama
The like of which is not described
In Landley Murray's grammar.

As we looked round upon that scene,
A land of milk and honey,
"Now, wife," said I, "tis plain to me
These people must have money."

And then and there I felt inspired,
As often is my custom,
To voice the thoughts that come to me,
Poetically, or lusty.

Said I, "Now, wife, I shall compose"
(And never was I slower)
"A most euphonious harvest song
For the Seven Tree Grange farmer."

My fancy soon in motion got
As we went on our way,
And these the words methinks I heard
This Union farmer say:

"Oh, the frost is on the pumpkin
And the fodder's in the shock,
In the pink of show condition
Is my every herd and flock."

"My barns well filled, my live stock
husband
In quarters snug and warm;
The winds may howl, I have no cause
To dread the winter's storm."

"All ventures have successful proved
That I in spring-time planned,
And bumper crops repaid my toil
From every foot of land."

"Good fortune seemed to smile on me
Throughout the entire year;
Continued health and added wealth
Have filled my heart with cheer."

"All through the dry, hot months gone
by,
I toiled—no rest I took;
Now, five, ten and twenty specks
Line my old pocket-book."

"My bank account is growing large,
And all the folks I meet
Scarcely quite awakened to the fact
That I'm on 'Easy Street.'"

"My wife and I have labored hard;
Yes, ever since our marriage;
Tis time we sported just a bit—
I'll buy a horseless carriage."

Just here my content had a pull
By someone from behind,
And listening, I hear a voice:
"Young man, you've lost your mind."

"You're judging by appearance of
Our homes as you pass by;
The living here in Union, sir,
Is sometimes not all pie."

"From your own looks you cannot
plead
The ignorance of youth;
Now, why deceive these people so?
Let me, sir, tell the truth."

"Yes, the frost is on the pumpkin,
And it struck the corn and beans;
The only crop it didn't harm
Is huckleberry greens."

"The sheeps have hardly strength to
sneak,
The cattle thin as rails,
And we return at milking time
With well-nigh empty pails."

"This year has been the hardest one
That I have ever known;
I've labored sixteen hours a day,
And haven't held my own."

"The spring was late, and cold and
The seed corn didn't come
Of bugs and worms and other pests—
Well, there were more than some."

"And talk of 'ten' and 'twenty specks'—
I'm thankful to have ones;
Instead of lots of good fat checks,
My well-to-do life with ones."

"The fertilizer folks, it seems,
Are bound to rob us twice;
They leave our potash from their sheds,
And call it fine the price."

"I will there never be a day
When I shall not be a day
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"This thing has come to me, I see
A game of pitch and toss,
For go the prices up or down,
The farmer stands the loss."

"And so it is with everything.
But what's the use of kicking?
The apple every, though fairly good,
Will hang—say—on a picking."

"We pay out cash for lightning rods,
To guard our homes from fire;
Then agents come along and say
'Insurance rates are higher.'"

"Last month we turned the stone, to
grind
The oiler's 'peckers' axes;
The privilege will cost us dear,
We'll later find, in taxes."

"At each fresh outrage, if we kick
And ask 'What is this for?'
But one excuse is always given—
'The European war!'"

"We read the papers every day,
Become but little wiser;
Who for our troubles shall we blame?
We all agree, 'The Kaiser.'"

"We now expect each coming day
Will some disaster bring;
But get I s'pose in some old way
We'll worry through till spring."

He paused just here to shed a tear
And heave a monstrous sigh;
"In Washington the living, too,"
I said, "'tis not all pie."

"But for our blessings let's return
Thanks to the Supreme Giver;
And first of all, my friend, you should
Take something for your liver."

"And, friend, in future let us both,
However turn the tide
'Twill better be for you and me),
Look on life's sunny side."

NORTH WATERFORD.

The schools in Waterford closed Dec. 3 for a four weeks' vacation, except the District school, which has two weeks longer.

The drama, "The Private Tutor," is to be played here soon.

Two of Newell Andrews' children built a fire in the lee house but were found before any damage had been done. The children are only two and four years old.

A new R. F. D. route has just been established from East Stoneham through "Hartleboro," North Lovell, North Stoneham to William Adams' farm, thence to H. B. McKee's through Stab City back to East Stoneham.

Bert Moulton is among the lucky ones to get a deer.

Mrs. Ethel Jones is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. William Rice are in Massachusetts on a vacation and Mrs. George McAllister is the housekeeper during their absence.

Mrs. Lizzie Morse, who has kept house for Irving Green since last spring, is away for awhile and Miss Waterhouse of Albany is doing the work.

Mrs. Green has been home from Hallow's sanatorium two weeks. She went there last March for treatment.

Several are planning to go to Norway this week to "The Birth of a Nation."

Will Decker and George Brown of Stoneham have been carpentering for W. H. Blake of Hallow's.

SELECTING BREEDING STOCK FOR NEXT SPRING'S CHICKS.

By G. E. Conkey.

True, it is still several months before the average poultry owner wants to hatch any chicks, but if you would have your fluffy little fellows strong, healthy and vigorous, you must begin selecting your breeding stock now.

Upon the wisdom of this selection depends not only the general health and stamina of your chicks, but to a large extent their size, future habits and laying qualities. This may not have occurred to you, as many people have never stopped to analyze the importance of hatching the eggs of only such hens as have been carefully selected for breeding purposes. However, I am sure that as you read the rest of this article, you will realize that fully one-half of the average flock is wholly unfit for breeding purposes and that the proper selection of breeding birds is a very important matter.

It is the very importance of this particular phase of poultry raising that, to me, makes it so wonderfully interesting. It is hard to imagine anything more fascinating than to pick out certain parent birds with the idea of producing certain qualities in the offspring and then eagerly waiting to see whether the results will show the soundness or inexperience of one's judgment.

You, too, will enjoy this part of poultry raising, I am sure, and you do not have to wait to demonstrate your ability to select good breeding birds, for the selection of breeding stock should begin immediately. It is best to have the breeding birds in their own house shortly after January 1st and when they are once mated, they must be kept entirely separate from the rest of the flock. That means, too, that you must have clean, dry quarters ready to receive them.

In selecting breeding birds, your aim should be to take only those that will be most likely to give you all-round good chicks—chicks that will possess rugged health and stamina, that will mature in reasonable time, that will make good layers and that will possess good qualities in general.

This makes it necessary for you to watch your flock very closely each day and pick out only those hens that are strongest, most healthy and vigorous. It is also desirable to choose hens that you know are good layers or that show indications of being good layers, as they will be most likely to produce chicks that will mature into good layers. Heavy laying hens are very active; are off the roosts early in the morning and on late in the evening and are big eaters. However, do not forget that hens that have been laying regularly are likely to be run down and should not be used for breeding purposes until they have been put in good condition by getting a good tonic along with their feed. No hen should be selected as a breeder that is known to be a poor layer.

The best breeding hens seem to be those that are about two years old. Three-year old hens are also good. If it is necessary to use pullets, only those that are fully matured should be chosen. Several undesirable results are likely to follow the use of pullets as breeders. Often, many of the eggs are infertile, because the birds have really not reached maturity; many of the chicks are small and weak; and the chicks do not mature into full size birds.

Even worse than the use of pullets is the use of birds possessing defects or crooked bones. It should always be remembered that "like begets like" and that at least part of the offspring of such birds are almost sure to be deformed or show the defect in even a more marked degree than the parent.

When hens two or three years old are selected for breeding purposes, they should be mated to a well-matured cockerel. Experiments have proven that such mating, as a rule, produces the most desirable chicks. However, if pullets must be used, it is better to mate them to an old male.

In either case, you should give just as much attention to the health and appearance of the male bird as to that of the hens and, if possible, select a male that you know comes from a good laying strain. The male is really half the flock and has an even greater influence over the laying qualities of the offspring than the female.

A male bird should not be mated to more than ten or twelve hens. Some raisers of the lighter breeds of poultry often place a larger number of hens with each male, but for all-round best results, it is not advisable.

Careful selection and mating, such as outlined, is sure to produce chicks that will be a credit to any owner. Besides, I feel sure that if you try it, you will feel repaid by the single interesting process of picking out the choicest breeders from among the poor layers, drones, underbills and shabby birds.

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Hath Farrington visited in Hallow's Pond, Thursday.

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Mrs. Tena Woodman, Mrs. Nell Moody and Mrs. Charles Farrington visited with friends in West Paris, Wednesday.

Merton Herrick of South Paris was calling on friends, Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph King and baby and Mrs. Clara Brown were guests of relatives at Bethel, Saturday.

Mollie Stanley of Bethel visited with her cousin, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Friday.

Mrs. Emily Felt of Bryant's Pond was calling on friends, Wednesday and Thursday.

School commenced Monday with the same teachers as last term. Everyone is glad they are coming back.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Events of Interest from Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

PLANNING THE WAY.

Although Congress meets officially on
the first Monday in December the
foundations for the legislative struc-
ture were in the course of building for
ten days or two weeks prior to that
time. A program has been mapped out
and in the Senate the big fight has
been to secure an amendment to the
rules so that debate might be limited
and the "arrows" applied to long-
winded Senators.

There has been a great deal of hesi-
tancy about adopting a closure rule of
any kind, and even the most radical
of Senators would not tolerate it ex-
cept in a modified form. The country
at large has frequently expressed its
disgust of dilatory speech-making tac-
tics which have prevented the passage
of legislation, but it must be remem-
bered that the reform Senators, among
whom was Senator La Follette, "the
purest of them all," have been among
the chief offenders. Every man in
Washington knows that the great de-
bates of the Senate have always been
the means by which the legislative at-
mosphere has been cleared. Senators,
at times when no other means were at
hand have frequently availed them-
selves of the great privileges by which
debate cannot be curtailed, in order to
defeat legislation to which they were
opposed. There seems to be a well-
founded belief that it is necessary to
have some sort of closure if the ship
bill and the program of the Adminis-
tration for "preparedness" is to be
carried this winter. While there is
more or less dissension, as is always
the case in the year preceding presi-
dential elections, yet it may be said
that notwithstanding all the turbulent
rumblings that start in Washington,
the Administration has things pretty
well in hand, and with a closure amend-
ment to the rules, President Wilson
will be given a better grip than any
of his predecessors have obtained over
the processes and actions of Congress.

POLITICS BOILING.

The gathering of the Democratic and
Republican national committees in
Washington, and the announced deci-
sion of the Progressives at the New
York meeting to put a presidential tick-
et in the field next year, have served to
start the political pot boiling. Some
Democrats may do a little preliminary
skirmishing to prevent President Wil-
son from again being a candidate, but
nobody seriously expects that the party
in power will have any other stand-
ard bearer. Naturally there is a dis-
satisfaction in the Democratic party,
and whether or not this will become
as serious as to threaten the reelection
of Mr. Wilson is yet to be seen.

The Republicans feel quite certain
that they will be able to get together
with the Progressives, but just how
this will be brought about no one is able
to predict. So far as the legislative ad-
ministration is concerned the develop-
ments up to date indicate that the
Democrats have a tentative program
which they will attempt to put through
at the present session of Congress. The
minority has been occupied up to the
present time in picking holes in the
Democratic framework, but have no
definite aim of action. In other words,
this is a negative course, and whether
or not it will amount to much, re-
mains to be seen. In all probability
the Republicans and Progressives, col-
lective or singular, aim to go before
the country next year relying upon
what they claim are the mistakes of
the Wilson Administration.

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Carolina has been elected by reason of
his previous position as Chairman of the
Ways and Means Committee, and his
position makes him the leader of the
majority of the House of Representa-
tives. There was a good deal of talk
prior to the beginning of Congress to
the effect that Mr. Kitchin's opposi-
tion to the Administration's plan of
army and navy increase might bring
down a fight to depose him from his
chairmanship and leadership. However,
this was not thought advisable, and
Mr. Kitchin will try and fill the shoes
vacated by Oscar Underwood. That
he will not have an easy job is easily
foreseen, as Underwood has been one
of the most successful leaders known
in Congress since the days of McKin-
ley.

It is not entirely without precedent
for a leader to oppose the President,
and Mr. Underwood as well as Speaker
Champ Clark went on record a year ago
in opposition to the Mexican policy of
President Wilson. There was a great
deal of talk at the time of trouble
ahead for Speaker Clark, but the clouds
suddenly dissolved and now Mr. Clark
can be just as close to Mr. Wilson as
he wishes to be. Since he is for "rea-
sonable preparedness" there is an ex-
pectation that he will get along rather
badly with the big army and navy men.
Kitchin is a strong and forceful man,
and since his party has already com-
mitted itself to most of the big admin-
istration plans it is probable that he
will be able to sail with the legislative
ship past all shoals.

REMOVING THE HYPHEN.

The Bureau of Naturalization at
Washington is cooperating with every
foreign born person with whom they
can get in touch, preparing them to be-
come naturalized citizens. Commissioner
Richard K. Campbell states that the
public schools of more than 400 cities
and towns in the country have come to
the aid of his bureau of instructing
candidates for citizenship. The authori-
ties of the United States are convinced
that it is only necessary to thoroughly
familiarize the foreign-born with the
underlying principles of our Govern-
ment and its educational institutions,
to convince them that this is indeed the
"land of the free." The night school
has proven to be one of the best routes
to true Americanism. By educating
the wife along with the husband, at
least one of them is sure to become the
right kind of an American, and if the
other does tip toward the hyphen con-
dition, the chances are that a good bal-
ance will be maintained in the house-
hold.

THE COLOMBIAN TREATY.

The pending treaty between the United
States and the Republic of Colombia
which proposes to give to the latter
some twenty million dollars as a salve
for injured feelings, because of the
seizure of the Isthmus of Panama in
the building of the Canal, may stir up
considerable of a fuss during the win-
ter session of Congress. It was Mr.
Bryan's belief while Secretary of State
that this government should make
amends to Colombia, and after Colonel
Roosevelt explosively denounced the
proposition the administration Demo-
crats were inclined to back up Colonel
Bryan. As this topic is desired for
campaign purposes in the coming cam-
paign it likely will be discussed in
considerable detail.

If former Senator Stephenson's state-
ment is correct that his wealth elected
Mr. La Follette and himself to the na-
tional body, it can at least be said that
"Uncle Ike" picked one statesman—
but no one will suspect that it was him-
self.

ASHES AS FERTILIZER.

Contains Potash and Phosphoric Acid—
Should be Kept Dry and Not Permit-
ted to Leach.

The farmer who burns wood for heat-
ing and cooking should carefully store
the ashes and not permit them to leach,
as they have a peculiar fertilizing val-
ue. They not only contain potash and
phosphoric acid in appreciable amounts,
but also contain magnesia and lime, and
when applied to the land they also act
indirectly to increase the available nit-
rogen content of organic matter in the
soil.

Ordinary house ashes contain on the
average about 8 or 9 per cent of potash
and 2 per cent of phosphoric acid. In-
vestigators have considered that there
is enough potash and phosphoric acid
in a bushel of ashes to make it worth
20 or 25 cents. Besides that, some 10
or 15 cents additional might be allow-
ed for the "alkali power" of the ashes.
This power is that which enables ash-

es to rot weeds and to ferment peat.
The potash content of ashes will be lost
if they are permitted to leach, and care
should be taken to store them in a dry
place.

Wood ashes may be profitably applied
as a top dressing to grass land and to
pastures, where they will encourage the
growth of clover and the better kinds
of grasses, which will then crowd out
inferior kinds and weeds. Wood ashes
also may be used for corn and roots.
Because of their lime content they are
not so good for potatoes, although some-
times used for this crop.

Ashes from hardwoods (deciduous
trees) are richer in both phosphorus
and potash than those from pines and
other softwoods (conifers). The ashes
of twigs, faggots, for example, are
worth more for agricultural purposes
than the ashes of heartwood taken from
the middle of an old tree. In general,
the smaller and younger the wood burn-
ed the better ashes. The ashes of coal
do not contain enough potash to make
them valuable in this connection.

The hulls of cotton seeds, according
to specialists, yield ashes which contain
from 18 to 30 per cent of potash and
from 5 to 10 per cent of phosphoric
acid. Cotton-hull ashes therefore make a
fertilizer are much more concentrated
than ordinary wood ashes. As a mat-
ter of fact, in the opinion of some in-
vestigators, the ashes from cottonseed
hulls contain such a large proportion of
potash that they might do considerable
harm to certain crops if they were used
in large quantities.

These ashes have been used with ad-
vantage for manuring tobacco, and have
in times past brought as much as \$35
or \$40 a ton in New England. One ob-
jection to their use is that they vary
widely in composition. At the present
time, however, the hulls are used to
such an extent that it is difficult to
secure their ashes for fertilizing pur-
poses.

CANNING DEMONSTRATIONS A FEATURE OF EXTENSION WORK.

During the past summer, 557 women
and girls attended canning demonstra-
tions given by the State Leader of
Girls' Clubs, University of Maine. Does
it mean anything for the business of
farming that the women are becoming
interested in the utilization of other-
wise waste products? That it is not
economy to grow fruits and vegetables
to be left in the garden or orchard
to rot, and then to purchase canned
goods during the long winter season is
a principle we are coming to realize
more and more. We have gone one step
farther and we realize too the neces-
sity of these fruits and vegetables to
give variety to our diet if we are to
keep well and healthful. Furthermore,
canning on a larger scale for market
is a question to be considered by the
farm girl or woman who finds spare
time and wishes to make a profit.

In connection with the Girls' Agri-
cultural and Canning Clubs, directed
by the Extension Division of the Col-
lege of Agriculture, University of
Maine, 14 demonstrations were given.
These were public and everybody in a
community was invited to come. In
addition demonstrations were given at
Grange Fairs and Field Meetings for
the women, while the men were con-
structing model poultry houses, holding
plowing contests, etc. Nor was the at-
tendance composed wholly of women.
Many men were intensely interested.

Although the canning, at these meet-
ings, was usually done out of doors by
means of an inexpensive portable outfit,
it was also demonstrated that the work
might be done just as satisfactorily
in the kitchen range or oil stove by
using a wash boiler, preserving ket-
tle or an ordinary pail. In several in-
stances, steam pressure outfits were
used.

The principles involved in success-
ful canning were explained as well as
the difference between canning and
preserving. Types of jars and canners
were discussed. The canning was done
according to the directions issued by
the United States Department of Ag-
riculture and are the result of investi-
gations and experience of experts.

Work with members of the girls' clubs was even more worth while than
the demonstrations, as here, each girl
actually did the work, after being
shown the latest and best method. Can-
ning was done in glass jars and in in-
cans. Many kinds of vegetables, fruits,
and berries were successfully canned.

Instructions for the Home Canning
of Fruits and Vegetables, Windfall and
Cull Apples and Use of By Product,
Tinning, Canning, and Pickling; Re-
pair Work for the Farm House as well
as the names of the various firms sup-
plying outfits and canning accessories
were distributed among people attend-
ing the demonstrations. Recently other
directions, Home Canning of Soups,
have been received and over five hun-
dred complete sets of these canning
instructions have been sent to women
and girls throughout the state. Direc-
tions for the canning of meats are now
in preparation by the United States
Department of Agriculture and will be
available for distribution in the spring.

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JOE THE BOOK FARMER

MAKING GOOD
ON THE LAND

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Mr. Weston grinned derisively. Joe
was really too busy to notice him. Un-
til noon the boys worked like beavers,
and by that time a third of an acre
had been covered with leaves, over-
shooting dead. Bright and early next
morning they resumed work after har-
ing put in a steady afternoon, and by
the time dinner was ready one acre
had been covered. Another day cov-
ered another acre and cleaned up
about all the leaves in the grove.

That night Mr. Weston undertook to
have some fun at Joe's expense.
"Go to the leaves from that next
grove," he inquired. The next grove
was nearly a mile away.

"No, too far—won't pay." This com-
mon sense view stumped him for
awhile.

"Daddy, I'll give you 10 cents a load
for what fertilizer there is in the barn-
yard."

"Ain't none there—not over a load of
so. You can have it for that price if
you get it out." Mr. Weston had never
thought of it as having any value at
all and never collected it or used it on
crops.

Next morning Joe and Link, each
with a hoe, began sumping the cow lot
and barn floor, going down after the
thick layer of well rotted humus form-
ing material that had accumulated for
several years and which Mr. Weston
had placed no value on whatever.
Eleven two horse wagonloads were se-
cured. Joe borrowed his father's wagon
and scattered the entire lot on the
acre he proposed to plant corn upon.

"That's my corn here, Link," he ex-
plained. "I'm going to try to grow
some corn here like it ought to be.
What's the most corn you and Uncle
Joe ever made to the acre?"

"I dunno exactly, but I'll bet it was
in neighborhood of fifteen bushels."

Joe bought eight more loads of barn-
yard fertilizer from a neighbor at 20
cents a load, delivered, and put that on
his cotton acre.

Then he made an arrangement with
another neighbor who had a plow suit-
able for deep breaking and stipulated
that four mules were to be attached
to it.

"What's the name of peace you want
that for? Yer goin' to tear the bottom
plumb down ter this field. Goin' to plow
plumb down ter Chiny?" inquired the
farmer.

"Yes, I'm going to tear the bottom
out. I want that land broke fourteen
inches deep, cross broke and then har-
rowed."

"All right; you're the doctor on that.
I'll charge you \$8."

"That's a trade; high up. I want to
get it broken as soon as possible."

The plowman was greatly astonished
at the amount of leaves on the two
acres and the amount of fertilizer
spread. Then he sank the heavy plow
to the shank on the outer edge of the
measured lot; the four mules strain-
ed, and a great heavy ribbon of dirt
rolled over from the plow as it moved
forward. Eight inches below the sur-
face the ground was sterile and poor.

Below that depth it was fairly good.
This was the dirt the light one horse
plows could never reach.

The great turning plow reversed
things. The poor dirt was thrown to
the bottom, and the comparatively
good soil was by the operation brought
to the top. The leaves and fertilizer
were covered and well mixed in.

Then a crosswise plowing at the
same depth, to break up the packed
soil and immense hard clods, and a
harrowing to further pulverize it, and
Joe wrote his first check. The man
looked at the signature Weston & Son-
erville as though he thought Joe had
gone entirely crazy.

"What's all this here fooliness?" he
asked, holding the check gingerly.

"You present that at the bank, and
if they don't pay it Mr. Somerville will.
He's my partner," announced Joe
proudly.

"Well, I'm goin' to town now an' see
about it, an' if it ain't paid there's go-
in' to be trouble," said the man truc-
lently.

"Oh, don't get excited about it. Wait
until it ain't paid before you start any-
thing."

"I'm goin' right now," repeated the
man.

"All right; I'll just go with you. I
want to get some seed, and I'll get you
to haul them out for me," said Joe, as
he climbed into the wagon.

plant.
"But we are not going to raise rye,
Joe?" was the dubious query.

"No, sir, but we are going to make
rye raise cotton and corn for us."

"How?"

"Well, this is October. Let the rye
grow until January; then turn it un-
der, and it will rot by planting time
and lighten that old barren soil a heap,
besides furnishing a good deal of val-
uable plant food."

"Well, now, where'd you get that
idea?" asked Mr. Somerville in admi-
ration.

"Saw it in one of those bulletins the
state commissioner gave me the other
day."

"Well, it's worth trying. If the state
says it's the thing to do I reckon we
can afford to do it. What else have
you done?"

Joe told him about the leaves and
the barnyard scrapings and the eight
loads of fertilizer he bought. His part-
ner clapped him on the shoulder.

"That's the stuff. We'll show these
folks around here something about
farming yet!"

"Now, please, sir, get that wire fence-
ing out tomorrow. I don't want the
neighbors' pigs to eat up our rye."

"You can count on the wire and man
to put it up. Are you keeping count of
expenses?"

"Yes, sir. I'm not going to pay out
a cent except by check, so we can
have a receipt for every payment."

"That's sound business."

"And I wish, if you please, sir, you'd
write around and find out the best va-
rieties of seed corn to plant and the
best sort of cotton."

"Yes, we must get the very best va-
rieties. I think we can get a corn that
will bring two and three ears to the
stalk instead of only one, like the sorts
we have around here."

"And about the cotton, Mr. Somer-
ville. I've heard daddy say that he
always got more for his first bale than
any other."

"That's usually true if the first bale
is early, before the main crop is dump-
ed on the market. With two or three
million bales of cotton all over the
south being offered for sale at once, of
course, the price goes down." Joe ponder-
ed a moment.

"What it seems to me," he said, "if
we can get a sort of cotton that will
be ready to pick before the rest we
will make more off it, won't we?"

"Exactly. If we get a naturally
quick maturing variety and give it ev-
ery opportunity and hasten it along
with stimulating chemical fertilizers
we ought to beat the main crop by
three weeks and get at least \$15 a bale
for it."

"Well, you see about writing for the
seed, and let's get the earliest variety
we can that gives a big crop. If we
just get an early cotton that don't
make much of a crop we haven't gain-
ed anything on the standard cotton
that makes a heavy crop but is late,
have we?"

"You're a pretty close figurer, Joe.
I'll attend to the seed."

"Look here, Mr. Somerville, let's put
one of those acres in oats instead of
sowing it in rye, and not plow the
oats under."

"Not much money in an acre of
oats!"

"Not by itself, but I can get the oats
off by the middle of May or 1st of
June and then plant it in Mexican
June corn, with cowpeas sowed broad-
cast in the rows."

"Well, that sounds better—two crops
a year off that land!"

"Better than that. I'll pull the fod-
der from the cornstalks the last of
July or 1st of August. We ought to
get 250 bundles of fodder, worth 2½
cents a bundle!"

"That's three crops—fine!"

"Then that corn will be matured by
the middle of September. Get it off at
once."

"Yes, then what?"

"Cut all those pea vines and dry
them. They make the best sort of hay,
and you know what it sells for."

"I can get \$12.50 a half ton for it any
time."

"We ought to get a ton off that acre.
That will be a sort of extra crop."

"I should think that would be about
enough to make one acre produce in a
year, Joe—oats, corn, fodder, hay?"

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either
of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court held at Paris
in and for the County of Oxford,
on the third Tuesday of November, in the
year of our Lord, one thousand
nine hundred and fifteen. The fol-
lowing matter having been presented
for the action thereupon hereinafter
indicated, it is hereby Ordered:
That notice thereof be given to all
persons interested, by causing a copy
of this order to be published three
weeks successively in the Oxford
County Citizen newspaper published at
Bethel, in said County, that they may
appear at a Probate Court to be held
at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of
December, A. D. 1915, at 9 o'clock
in the forenoon, and be heard thereon
if they see cause.
Ellen F. Cushman late of Bethel, de-
ceased; will and petition for probate
thereof and the appointment of Ell F.
Cushman as executor thereof without
bond presented by said Ell F. Cushman,
the executor therein named.
Thomas Warren late of Upton, de-
ceased; first account presented for al-
lowance by Silas F. Peaslee, adminis-
trator.
ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice
that she has been duly appointed ex-
ecutrix of the last will and testament of
Benjamin F. Fickett late of Bethel in
the County of Oxford, deceased, and
given bonds as the law directs. All
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ZEPHIE A. FICKETT.
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BOYS' CONFERENCE.

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use at the state conferences was brought up, and the Rumford delegation led by Mr. Arters offered to furnish such a banner without cost to the organization. The offer was accepted with thanks.

Jeff C. Smith, the inimitable leader of the State Y. M. C. A. forces, gave his address of "Physical Preparedness" touching on the need of health and strength for doing a man's work and inspiring courage to fight against definite foes to such fitness of the physical forces of manhood.

A. A. Heald, State Secretary for Men's Work, spoke on "Educational Preparedness," and R. D. Nelles of Bangor on "Moral and Spiritual Preparedness," thus completing the Y. M. C. A. triangle of "Body, Mind, Spirit."

Before dispersing at noon time, the conference picture was snapped in front of the church by Mr. S. A. Parsons of Bethel.

In the afternoon a group of the leaders in attendance met at the Universalist Church for an hour's conference on practical problems of the convention and the county work. Most of the boys gathered early at Gould's gymnasium, where at 2:30, the regular basketball teams of Gould's Academy and of Norway High School struggled for victory. Gould's winning by a score of 16 to 8. In the game between the Boy Scouts of Rumford and the Gould's second team, height and weight counted most for the Bethel boys and they won by a score of 14 to 7 though they had to work for every point.

After the regular games Jeff Smith organized a game of "Jodge ball" between a team of leaders and an equal number of students. The reporter is unable to announce who won, though he understands that there was some marvelous dodging and throwing on both sides.

The evening program was the famous film on the "Life of Christ," presented at Olean Hall under the direction of Mr. A. A. Heald. The hall was filled with delegates and residents, who saw pass before them the scenes of that marvelous life which has so changed the life of the world.

Monday morning well filled churches greeted the conference speakers who occupied all pulpits. Mr. Smith going to the Methodist Church, Mr. Heald to the Congregationalist, and Mr. Nelles to the Universalist. In the Sunday School hour, Mr. Smith spoke at the Congregationalist Church, and Mr. Heald taught the young men's class at the Methodist.

The most impressive service of the series came on Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church. A male quartet furnished several selections. Mr. Smith led in singing the convention hymns. Mr. Nelles brought the message, and at the close of the address Mr. Smith called for definite decisions on the part of the boys present. Several rose in answer to the call to give themselves to the service of Jesus Christ, and many others gave their names for this or other forward steps on the cards which were distributed through the company present.

In the evening at the Congregationalist Church, Herlihy's orchestra furnished music and the male quartet was again present. Messrs. Parkard, Kilgore, Wright and Chapin sang together in such fashion that many wished they might be permanently organized.

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ized and often heard in their home town.

Mr. Hamlin presided. Howard Tyler offered prayer. Mr. Sweet of Andover, and members of the delegation from Rumford, Norway and other towns told of what the convention meant to them. Mr. Hanson, in well chosen words, summed up what the gathering meant to Bethel and might mean to all who had attended. Mr. Smith spoke in his own fashion of what his organization is doing for the boys of Maine, and R. D. Nelles spoke the closing word, urging on his hearers the necessity of a life which is sincere and clean, victorious over temptation, and enthroned Jesus Christ as Lord.

Then the delegates formed a circle about the church, greeted one another with clasped hands uplifted, and were declared dismissed until another year shall call them together.

The Credential Committee reported the following numbers present: from Andover, 1; Bethel, 40; Bryant's Pond, 9; Hanover, 4; Norway, 24; Oxford, 5; Paris Hill, 3; Rumford, 23; South Paris, 6; West Paris, 1; total, 122.

The full list of delegates follows:

Andover: Cecil C. Sweet.

Bethel: Harold Bartlett, Elmer E. Bennett, Elmer Dean, Philip T. Brown,

Harold C. Chapman, John Chase, Homer J. Bartlett, Ray A. Cummings, Roy L. Cummings, H. M. Flint, Alton Gott,

Harris Hamlin, Robert D. Hanson, Robert Hastings, William S. Hastings, James A. Hayford, Edgar Inman, Vivian S. Hutchins, L. D. Kimball, Philip Lord, Geo. A. Mandt, Benson P. Norton,

Geo. Philbrook, Roger Sloan, Howard E. Tyler, Eugene Van Den Kerkhof,

Louis Van Den Kerkhof, Edwin Wilson, Linwood Wilson, Harry Young, Virgil Wright, William J. C. Young, Prof. F. E. Hanson, Harold W. Rand, Rev. J. H. Little, Rev. W. C. Curtis, Rev. T. C. Chapman, Frank H. Blynn, Elmer C. Park, Esq., Dr. F. B. Tuell, Dr. I. H. Wright, J. S. Hutchins, Wesley Wheeler.

Bryant's Pond: Rev. E. H. Stover, Robert Arkoff, Clifton Bean, Mason Allen, Fred W. Cummings, Lloyd Hathaway, Harry L. Horne, Edwin Perham, Arthur Smith.

Hanover: Chester Howe, Earl A. Davis, Ray Parker, Paul Staples.

Norway: Dr. L. H. Truett, E. L. Brown, G. Ralph Harriman, Arthur Bartlett, Leo Bennett, Bernard Bennett, Russell Bethel, Chas. Branch, C. E. Dunn, Lloyd Fletcher, Theodore Hunt, Paul F. Hoamer, Guy Harriman, Thelma Joslyn, Arthur Lapham, Percy Noyes, Jr., Max Noyes, Albert Palmo, Hugh Pendexter, John Sanborn, Orrin Stone, Paul Seavey, Percy Snow, Harold Thompson.

Oxford: John H. Moore, Lester Bailey, W. K. Hall, G. Price Morris, Kenneth J. Tynor.

Paris Hill: Rev. G. W. F. Hill, Chas. H. Hammond, Glenn Ross.

Rumford: Rev. J. M. Arters, John E. Stephens, Philo Clark, Cassius Cohen, Arthur Chapman, Theodore Davis, William Foster, Richard Harriman, Eugene Kenney, Norton Linnell, Merle Niles, Stanley Peterson, Archie Phelps, Elwood A. Sanborn, Leon Shea, John Sylvester, Stanley White, Clavier White, Abbott Niles.

South Paris: Arthur Keniston, Fredrick North, Newell Powers, Henry L. West, Frank E. West, Lester Wood.

West Paris: Leo Cole.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Miss Mildred Rugg and friend, Miss Bernice Butters, attended the surprise party, Monday evening, given in honor of Albert Keniston's twenty-first birthday. His many friends join in wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Miss Irene Briggs enjoyed a very pleasant call on Mrs. Emma and Mrs. Myra Lord, recently.

Miss Annie McAllister is stopping at her brother's, Mr. Clifford McAllister's. Ladies' and Children's Hats only \$1.50 at L. M. STEARNS.

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WEST BETHEL.

The West Bethel and Flat schools resumed work, Monday, after a vacation of two weeks.

Born in West Bethel, Dec. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, a daughter, Agnes Duvalis is staying with her sister, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker from Bethlehem were in this place, Saturday. Robert Hastings is to do some lumbering on his land at Northwest Allans. Sandy Melane has taken a job of him and moved into the house known as the W. H. Mason place. Elbert Briggs will cook for him.

The reduction of the fire at Milton plantation of the Mason estate will be plainly seen from this place, Sunday evening.

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BRIGGS-CHAPMAN.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at South Paris, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, at eight o'clock, the contracting parties being Elmer H. Briggs and Miss Helen L. Chapman of Rumford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. J. Spear, pastor of Deering Memorial Methodist Church, of which both bride and groom are members. The ceremony was performed in the new home recently furnished, in the Willis house on Park street. The couple were unattended. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Bertha W. Chapman of Portland, a sister of the bride. The single ring service was used. The bride was prettily gowned in Copenhagen blue crepe with lace trimmings. Only the immediate families were present. The bride is a graduate of Paris high school, in class 1905, and of Bliss Business College. A member of Deering Memorial Methodist Church for nearly 12 years and an active worker in the Sunday school. She is treasurer of the Delta Alpha's, a member of the Vested Cellar choir and secretary of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge. For the past six years she has been employed in Hon. James S. Wright's law office. Mr. Briggs was born at Bethel where he received his education. He is a member of Deering Memorial Methodist Church, and of Mt. Zion Lodge, L. O. O. F., where he has served two years as secretary. He is employed in the office of the Paris Manufacturing Co. at South Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will be at home to their friends in their new home on Park street. Many presents were received. Both are highly esteemed by the entire community who extend best wishes.

MAINE A. A. BANQUET.

Hon. Oakley C. Curtis, governor of Maine; Hon. Charles W. Gates, governor of Vermont; Hon. Philip J. Deering, chairman of the Maine State Highway Commission, and Hon. George L. Grosman, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, are some of those who have accepted the invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Maine Automobile Association to be held at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock. Replies have yet to be received from a majority of the distinguished guests invited to be present on that occasion so there is every reason to believe that the affair will be the most notable of its kind that has ever been held in Maine.

It is expected that a majority of the Maine delegation in Congress will also attend, practically every one of them having accepted providing Congress adjourns over the Christmas holidays in season to allow them to return home. Others who have already accepted invitations to be present are: Frank A. Peabody of Houlton, member of the Maine Highway Commission; Paul D. Sargent, chief engineer of the Highway Commission; Martin F. Bartlett, mayor of Waterville, and Charles W. Mullen of Bangor of the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

The banquet gives promise of being a very large one as the Maine Automobile Association now has a membership of nearly 3,000 and members of the organization from every section of the state have signified their intention of being present.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to a license from the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, all the right, title and interest which John Porter, late of Andover, in said County of Oxford, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz:

One seventh share, part, and interest in common and undivided in and to a certain parcel of land on the east side of the road in Andover leading from Andover Village to Rumford, commencing on the line of E. B. Smith's land near the Brick Yard, so-called, and running on said line easterly ten rods; thence northerly and parallel with the main road eight rods; thence westerly and parallel with said Smith's land to the main road ten rods; thence southerly along said road to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed by William Gregg to Mary L. Porter by deed dated June 3rd, 1892 and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 230, Page 531.

Dated the 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

ARETAS E. STEARNS,

Administrator.

SHALL MAINE HAVE AN AERIAL COAST PATROL?

A meeting of those interested in the establishment of an aerial coast patrol system along the shore of Maine, will be held in Portland within a few days. At this time the definite organization will be effected.

So much enthusiasm has been shown at the preliminary meetings, that there is not the slightest doubt of the success of the proposition.

That the entire state is interested is shown by the large attendance at the preliminary meetings of the representatives from cities and towns all over Maine and by their reports of sentiment in their respective sections.

Meanwhile Maine is securing a tremendous amount of publicity and good will throughout the nation due to her having taken the initiative in this important movement, and to the fact that she is showing her faith in her ideas by proposing to finance the establishment of the first aerial coast patrol base and system herself, without waiting for the Federal Government to take action, but with the hope that her example will be followed by other states, and that ultimately the Government will incorporate the system in its scheme of national defense.

The idea advocated and urged by Rear Admiral Peary is to divide the entire coast line from Eastport to the Rio Grande and from San Diego to Puget Sound, into convenient sections or "beats," each beat in time of emergency to be patrolled continuously by a powerful hydro-aeroplane with a driver and observer equipped with wireless apparatus. Such a machine driving along its section at a distance of 50 to 60 miles from the coast and an elevation of approximately 2000 feet, can detect the approach of an enemy's ships from 50 to 60 miles farther out than by means of the wireless apparatus convey the vital information as to their number, character and course to the shore stations, thus giving several hours advance notice to prepare for attack.

When the system is in operation there will be far out at sea a continuous cordon of whirling shuttles, the eyes of the nation, ceaselessly weaving their curtain of protection around the entire country. Their range of observation would give a zone offshore from 100 to 120 miles wide, into which a hostile ship could not enter without being observed.

The efficiency of the aeroplane as a detector of submarines makes this aerial coast patrol a still more important factor in national defense. Had Great Britain possessed such a patrol, the Lusitania would never have been sunk within a few miles of the coast, for the aerial patrols could have detected the submarines many feet below the surface before they had a chance to approach the liner.

The States of Maine lies thrust far out to the east. For hundreds of miles this coast parallels the track of trans-Atlantic travel within night distances. Ours is the responsibility and the honor of this exposed position. The aerial coast patrol which Maine proposes will furnish the maximum protection at the minimum expense for our own coast, and it requires no stretch of imagination to picture some daring Maine man driving his machine at 100 miles an hour southward from this coast, discovering almost in mid-Atlantic the approach of a hostile fleet perhaps headed for New York or Hampton Roads and returning to flash the news to Washington hours before the stations could possibly do so.

The first station, for the establishment of which the present movement is working, will probably be located in Upper Casco Bay. It will be the center of a beat that will cover the coast from Kittery to Penobscot Bay. At least one other station to patrol the section from that point east will be required for the completed plan.

Maine has initiated the project for a National Aeronautical Coast Patrol; she will still further earn the gratitude of the country by the establishment of the first station. This will be still another demonstration of the State justification in the choice of its motto, "Dirigo"—Maine points the way.

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MASON.

F. L. Bean attended Pomona Grange at South Paris, Tuesday.

L. F. Blanchard and family have returned to their home in Newark, N. J. Miss Viola Bartlett of East Bethel, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Benjie Tyler, returned home, Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Grover and son, Paul, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Sumner, have returned home.

Arthur Bucknam of Sumner is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lincoln Burnham. Fred Lovejoy and a party from Norway have been camping in Moses Bennett's old home.

Laurence Grover, Gilbert Thompson and Henry Wentworth of Halifax, Mass., who have been camping in Mason, have returned home.

Arthur Harrison of Gorham, Me., is at work for Eli Grover.

Harry Kessel and F. L. Bean have nearly finished work on the telephone line.

Myron Morrill has gone to New York for a few days.

Bert Bennett of Gilead has been visiting friends and relatives, and deer hunting in town the past week.

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